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Overview

This bill modifies the existing statute of limitations for civil causes of action for sexual abuse.

Section

1 **Definition.** Changes the definition of sexual abuse to correspond with changes in criminal statutes related to sexual abuse. Adds the statutory definition for “person.”

Limitation period. Removes the personal injury requirement for damages based on sexual abuse and requires that cases of sexual abuse committed against adults be brought within six years of the alleged abuse. Removes the statute of limitations for sexual abuse cases that are committed against a child under the age of 18. This bill removes the language that an adult can sue six years after knowledge of an injury.

Applicability. Removes the personal injury language associated with the damages and applies the cause of action to individuals, corporations, organizations, and other entities.

Title. Provides a title for this bill: the “Child Victims Act.”

Effective Date. This bill applies to any actions brought after it has been enacted.