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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 13

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6 By: Representative Gazaway  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CIVIL ACTIONS  
10 BROUGHT BY CERTAIN VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE; TO ALLOW  
11 A CLAIM TO BE BROUGHT FOR INJURY CAUSED BY CHILD  
12 SEXUAL ABUSE AT ANY TIME IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Civil action for  
27 certain victims of child sexual abuse.

28 (a) Notwithstanding any other statute of limitation or any other law  
29 that may be construed to reduce the statutory period stated in this section,  
30 a claim for injury caused by child sexual abuse may be commenced or  
31 maintained by or on behalf of an injured individual at any time if:

32 (1) The injured individual was under eighteen (18) years of age  
33 at the time the right to bring a claim for injury accrued;

34 (2) The injury on which the claim is based arises from the  
35 violation of a criminal sex offense that existed at the time the injury  
36 occurred, regardless of whether a criminal complaint was filed, a criminal



1 conviction was obtained, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere was entered;

2 (3) A civil action based on the conduct that is the subject of  
3 the claim for injury is barred by the expiration of the statute of  
4 limitations prescribed under § 16-56-116;

5 (4) The claim for injury is the basis for making or maintaining  
6 a timely claim in a bankruptcy proceeding that was initiated by a  
7 congressionally chartered organization on February 18, 2020; and

8 (5) The claim for injury is against an entity that is seeking or  
9 has been provided protection under a plan of reorganization in the bankruptcy  
10 proceeding described in subdivision (a)(4) of this section and not against  
11 any other person or entity.

12 (b) This section applies retroactively to all claims based on  
13 violations of criminal sex offenses that occurred before the effective date  
14 of this act, regardless of the statute of limitation in effect at the time  
15 the violation of the criminal sex offense occurred.

16 (c) This section does not limit, supersede, or otherwise affect any  
17 other law concerning the statute of limitation for actions for injury caused  
18 by child sexual abuse.

19 (d) This section expires on December 31, 2026.

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