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A Bill

SENATE BILL 13

By: Senator D. Wallace

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Civil action for certain victims of child sexual abuse.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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