

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin

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Meeting Dates: 6/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends statute of limitations for action based on child abuse. Provides that action must commence before victim reaches age 40 or within five years from date victim discovers causal connection between injury and abuse, whichever is longer. Applies retroactively unless judgment entered.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes definitions of causal connections between injury and child abuse.

BACKGROUND: In order to bring an action for child abuse that occurred when the victim was under age 18 years, the victim must bring the action before they are 24 years old, or within three years of discovering the causal connection between the injury and the abuse. This leaves victims who do not experience the emotional fallout from abuse until years later without any civil recourse against the offender. House Bill 2827A extends the statute of limitations for civil actions against a perpetrator of child abuse or an individual who knowingly allowed, permitted or encouraged child abuse.