

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 178**

January 22, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a civil action for an injury or illness based on child sexual abuse that occurred on or after July 1, 2023, to be brought at any time.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 28-3-116(b) a civil action for an injury or illness based on child sexual abuse that occurred when the injured person was a minor is required to be brought:
  - For child sexual abuse that occurred before July 1, 2019, but was not discovered at the time of the abuse, within three years from the time of discovery of the abuse by the injured person; or
  - For child sexual abuse that occurred on or after July 1, 2019, within the later of:
    - 15 years from the date the person becomes 18 years of age; or
    - Within three years from the time of discovery of the abuse by the injured person if the injury or illness was not discovered at the time of the abuse.
- The proposed legislation authorizes a civil action for child sexual abuse to be brought at any time for child sexual abuse that occurred on or after July 1, 2023.
- Any impact to the court system resulting from extending the statute of limitation for civil child sexual abuse actions is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation does not create a new criminal offense, and, therefore, will not increase the caseloads or expenditures of the public defenders or district attorneys.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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