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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Kent

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SUMMARY

- Extends the statute of limitations for child abuse and neglect charges in some cases.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Period of limitations for criminal abuse and neglect prosecution

The bill eliminates a provision of law that stops the tolling of the statute of limitations for a criminal action involving abuse or neglect of a child when a public children services agency or a municipal or county peace officer in the county where the violation occurred is notified of the known, suspected, or believed abuse or neglect.

Current law tolls the statute of limitations for criminal violations involving a physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of a child under 18 or of a child with a developmental disability or physical impairment under 21 so that the period of limitations does not begin to run until the victim of the offense reaches the age of majority or until a public children services agency or a municipal or county peace officer in the county where the violation occurred is notified of the known, suspected, or believed abuse or neglect.

The change made by the bill effectively extends the statute of limitations in cases where a children services agency or peace officer was notified of the violation prior to the child reaching the age of majority.¹

¹ R.C. 2901.13(J).

HISTORY

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