

## HB613 INTRODUCED



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## SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a civil action based on a sex offense committed against an individual 19 years of age or younger must be brought within six years of that individual's 19th birthday.

This bill would revive time-barred civil claims involving a sex offense against a minor for a period of 10 years.

This bill would require the Attorney General to conduct an informational campaign about the revived period to bring a claim.

This bill would also prohibit any entity from discriminating against an individual who brings a claim under this act.

This bill would also specify that the legislation is contingent on the ratification of a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to revive time-barred rights and remedies relating to child sexual abuse.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT



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Relating to child sexual abuse; to revive certain time-barred civil claims for sex offenses committed against a minor for a period of 10 years; to require the Attorney General to conduct a public awareness campaign; to prohibit certain entities from discriminating against an individual who brings a a claim under this act; and to specify that the act is contingent on the ratification of a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to revive time-barred rights and remedies relating to child sexual abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as The Light of Justice Act.

Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6-2-8, Code of Alabama 1975, any civil claim under Chapter 2 of Title 6, Code of Alabama 1975: (i) for damages resulting from an injury upon which the action is based arises from a sex offense as described in Section 15-10A-5, Code of Alabama 1975; (ii) for which the victim of the sex offense was under 19 years of age at the time the offense occurred; and (iii) which was previously time-barred, is revived and may be commenced within 10 years of the effective date of this act.

(b) A claim described in subsection (a) may be brought against both of the following:

(1) The individual alleged to have committed the sex offense.

(2) Any entity or organization entrusted with the well-being of minors which knew or should have known of the sexual abuse which is the subject of the claim and failed to



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57 take reasonable steps to prevent it. This subdivision  
58 includes, but is not limited to, religious institutions,  
59 private academic institutions, health care providers, social  
60 service agencies, and youth organizations.

61 (c) The Attorney General shall develop and implement a  
62 public awareness campaign to inform survivors of sexual abuse  
63 of their rights under this act, including the revived time  
64 period to bring an action under subsection (a) and resources  
65 to assist survivors in pursuing those claims.

66 (d) No employer, institution, or other entity may  
67 retaliate against any individual for filing a claim under this  
68 act.

69 Section 3. This act shall become effective on January  
70 1, 2027, contingent on the ratification of an amendment to the  
71 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, proposed in the 2025 Regular  
72 Session, authorizing the Legislature to revive rights and  
73 remedies relating to child sexual abuse.