

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4227

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8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to child sexual abuse; prohibiting
10 the concealing of details relating to certain claims;
11 requiring that identifying information of victim be
12 confidential; providing which agreements act shall
13 apply to; providing exception; amending 22 O.S. 2021,
14 Section 152, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
15 115, O.S.L. 2025 (22 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 152),
16 which relates to criminal procedure; authorizing the
17 prosecution of sexual crimes against children to be
18 brought at any time; providing for codification; and
19 providing an effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3020 of Title 12, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of
a civil settlement agreement that has the purpose or effect of
concealing the details relating to a claim of child sexual abuse, as
defined in Section 843.5 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

1 child sexual exploitation, as defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title
2 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and including such offenses set forth
3 in Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is void and unenforceable as
4 contrary to the public policy of this state. Provided, however,
5 that identifying information concerning a victim of child sexual
6 abuse shall be deemed and maintained as confidential.

7 B. Subject to subsection C of this section, subsection A of
8 this section shall apply to a civil agreement entered into before,
9 on, or after the effective date of this act.

10 C. An individual or entity may not enforce or attempt to
11 enforce a civil agreement or a provision of a civil agreement
12 described by subsection A of this section and entered into before
13 the effective date of this act unless:

14 1. A cause of action related to a civil agreement was initiated
15 prior to the effective date of this act; and

16 2. The individual or entity obtains a declaratory judgment that
17 is final and not subject to appeal and declares that the agreement
18 or provision is enforceable.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 152, as last
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2025 (22 O.S. Supp. 2025,
21 Section 152), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 152. A. Prosecutions for the crimes of bribery,
23 embezzlement of public money, bonds, securities, assets or property
24 of the state or any county, school district, municipality or other

1 subdivision thereof, or of any misappropriation of public money,
2 bonds, securities, assets or property of the state or any county,
3 school district, municipality or other subdivision thereof,
4 falsification of public records of the state or any county, school
5 district, municipality or other subdivision thereof, and conspiracy
6 to defraud the State of Oklahoma or any county, school district,
7 municipality or other subdivision thereof in any manner or for any
8 purpose shall be commenced within seven (7) years after the
9 discovery of the crime; provided, however, prosecutions for the
10 crimes of embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, bonds,
11 securities, assets or property of any school district, including
12 those relating to student activity funds, or the crime of
13 falsification of public records of any independent school district,
14 the crime of criminal conspiracy, the crime of embezzlement pursuant
15 to Sections 1451 through 1461 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
16 the crime of False Personation or Identity Theft pursuant to
17 Sections 1531 through 1533.3 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
18 the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult pursuant to
19 Sections 843.1, 843.3 and 843.4 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
20 Statutes, or Medicaid fraud pursuant to Section 1005 of Title 56 of
21 the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be commenced within five (5) years
22 after the discovery of the crime.

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1 B. Prosecutions for criminal violations of any state income tax
2 laws shall be commenced within five (5) years after the commission
3 of such violation.

4 C. 1. a. Prosecutions for sexual crimes against children,
5 specifically ~~rape or forcible sodomy, sodomy,~~ lewd or
6 indecent proposals or acts against children, ~~involving~~
7 ~~minors in pornography~~ pursuant to Section ~~886, 888,~~
8 ~~1111, 1111.1, 1113, 1114, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.12a~~ or
9 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, any offense
10 prohibited by Section 843.5 of Title 21 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes except child sexual abuse, sexual
12 abuse of a vulnerable adult pursuant to Section 843.1
13 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, child
14 trafficking pursuant to Section 866 of Title 21 of the
15 Oklahoma Statutes, nonconsensual dissemination of
16 private sexual images pursuant to Section 1040.13b of
17 Title 21, and failure to report abuse or neglect
18 pursuant to Section 1-2-101 of Title 10A of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes shall be commenced by the forty-
20 fifth birthday of the alleged victim.

21 b. Prosecutions for sexual crimes against children,
22 specifically rape, forcible sodomy, or sodomy,
23 involving minors in pornography pursuant to Section
24 886, 888, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.12a, 1111, 1111.1,

1 1113, 1114, or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes, and child sexual abuse pursuant to Section
3 843.5 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes may be
4 commenced at any time after the commission of the
5 offense. Any offense for which the prosecution is not
6 time-barred upon the effective date of this act shall
7 be subject to the provisions of this subsection.

8 Prosecutions for such crimes committed against victims eighteen (18)
9 years of age or older shall be commenced within twenty (20) years
10 after the discovery of the crime. As used in this paragraph,
11 "discovery" means the date that a physical or sexually related crime
12 involving a victim eighteen (18) years of age or older is reported
13 to a law enforcement agency. Any offense for which the prosecution
14 is not time-barred upon the effective date of this act shall be
15 retroactively subject to the provisions of this subsection.

16 2. However, prosecutions for the crimes listed in subparagraph
17 a of paragraph 1 of this subsection may be commenced at any time
18 after the commission of the offense if:

- 19 a. physical evidence is collected and preserved that is
20 capable of being tested to obtain a profile from
21 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), and
- 22 b. probable cause as to the identity of the offender is
23 subsequently established through the use of a DNA

1 profile using evidence listed in subparagraph a of
2 this paragraph, or

3 c. the accused person has provided a confession or
4 admission related to the crime.

5 3. No prosecution under this subsection shall be based upon the
6 memory of the victim that has been recovered through psychotherapy
7 unless there is some evidence independent of such repressed memory.

8 4. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false claim
9 pursuant to this subsection or a claim that the person knows lacks
10 factual foundation may be reported to local law enforcement for
11 criminal investigation and, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a
12 felony.

13 D. Prosecutions for criminal violations of any provision of the
14 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code shall be commenced within three
15 (3) years after the commission of such offense.

16 E. Prosecutions for the crime of criminal fraud or workers'
17 compensation fraud pursuant to Section 1541.1, 1541.2, 1662 or 1663
18 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall commence within three (3)
19 years after the discovery of the crime, but in no event greater than
20 seven (7) years after the commission of the crime.

21 F. Prosecution for the crime of false or bogus check pursuant
22 to Section 1541.1, 1541.2, 1541.3 or 1541.4 of Title 21 of the
23 Oklahoma Statutes shall be commenced within five (5) years after the
24 commission of such offense.

1 G. Prosecution for the crime of solicitation for murder in the
2 first degree pursuant to Section 701.16 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
3 Statutes shall be commenced within seven (7) years after the
4 discovery of the crime. For purposes of this subsection,
5 "discovery" means the date upon which the crime is made known to
6 anyone other than a person involved in the solicitation.

7 H. In all other cases a prosecution for a public offense must
8 be commenced within three (3) years after its commission.

9 I. Prosecution for the crime of accessory after the fact must
10 be commenced within the same statute of limitations as that of the
11 felony for which the person acted as an accessory.

12 J. Prosecution for the crime of arson pursuant to Section 1401,
13 1402, 1403, 1404 or 1405 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall
14 be commenced within seven (7) years after the commission of the
15 crime.

16 K. Prosecutions for criminal violations in which a deadly
17 weapon is used to commit a felony or prosecutions for criminal
18 violations in which a deadly weapon is used in an attempt to commit
19 a felony shall be commenced within seven (7) years after the
20 commission of the crime.

21 L. Prosecutions for the crime of human trafficking pursuant to
22 Section 748 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be commenced
23 within three (3) years after discovery of the crime. For purposes
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1 of this subsection, "discovery" means the date upon which the crime
2 is reported to a law enforcement agency.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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