

HOUSE BILL NO. 1456

Introduced by

Representatives Hogan, DeKrey, Delmore, Holman

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 28-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the statute of limitations on civil actions involving childhood sexual
3 abuse.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Limitation on actions alleging childhood sexual abuse.**

8 Notwithstanding section 28-01-25, an action for the recovery of damages resulting from
9 childhood sexual abuse must be commenced within seven years after the commission of the
10 childhood sexual abuse, or if the victim failed to report the childhood sexual abuse within this
11 limitation period, within three years after the childhood sexual abuse was reported to law
12 enforcement authorities. For purposes of this section, "childhood sexual abuse" means any act
13 committed by the defendant against the plaintiff which occurred when the plaintiff was under
14 eighteen years of age and which would have been a violation of chapter 12.1-16.