

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~~ a claim for relief
9 resulting from childhood sexual abuse must be commenced within seven years after the
10 ~~commission of the childhood sexual abuse, or if the victim failed to report the childhood sexual~~
11 ~~abuse within this limitation period, within three years after the childhood sexual abuse was~~
12 ~~reported to law enforcement authorities~~ plaintiff knew or reasonably should have known of an
13 ~~injury resulting from alleged childhood sexual abuse.~~ For purposes of this section, "childhood
14 sexual abuse" means any act committed by the defendant against the plaintiff which occurred
15 when the plaintiff was under eighteen years of age and which would have been a violation of
16 ~~chapter 12.1-16~~ chapter 12.1-20 or 12.1-27.2.