

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1236**

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Hanson, Hogan

Senators Heckaman, Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 29-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to prosecution for sexual abuse of minors.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **29-04-03.1. Prosecution for sexual abuse of minors.**

- 7 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a prosecution for a violation of sections  
8 12.1-20-03 through 12.1-20-08 or of section 12.1-20-11 if the victim was under  
9 eighteen years of age at the time the offense was committed must be commenced in  
10 the proper court within ten years after the commission of the offense or, if the victim  
11 failed to report the offense within this limitation period, within three years after the  
12 offense was reported to law enforcement authorities.
- 13 2. If, based upon evidence containing deoxyribonucleic acid or a fingerprint obtained at  
14 the time of offense, a suspect is conclusively identified by deoxyribonucleic acid  
15 testing after the time period prescribed in subsection 1 has expired, a prosecution may  
16 be commenced within three years after the suspect is conclusively identified by the  
17 deoxyribonucleic acid testing or fingerprint authentication.