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Research Note

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House Bill 16-1072

Sponsors

Representative Fields
Senator Cooke

Short Title

No Statute Limitations Sexual Assault

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Status

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary Committee on February 11, 2016.

Summary

This bill adds felony sexual assault to the list of offenses for which there is no criminal statute of limitations. The sexual assault offenses covered by the bill may be class 2, 3, or 4 felonies, depending on the circumstances.

Background

A statute of limitations is the maximum amount of time allowed by law after an event occurs before which legal proceedings must commence. Colorado currently has no criminal statute of limitations for murder, kidnapping, treason, any sexual offenses against children, and any forgery (including attempt, conspiracy, and solicitation to commit these crimes). The statute of limitations for all other felony sexual offenses is at least ten years, although the time limit may be extended under certain circumstances.

House Action

House Judiciary Committee (February 11, 2016). At the hearing, the committee postponed the bill indefinitely.