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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 28 JAN 2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 94 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Jeff Steinborn  
**Short Title:** Increases Statute of Limitations for Criminal Sexual Penetration Against Child  
**Agency Name and Code:** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

This bill amends Section 30-1-8 by extending the time limits for prosecution for certain sex crimes against a minor under Section 30-9-11, allowing charges to be filed any time after the occurrence of the crime up until the victim reaches the age of 35.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None to DPS

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None to DPS

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Increasing the statute of limitations for criminal sexual penetration (CSP) against a minor in New Mexico can have several potential benefits. These include:

#### **Improved Access to Justice for Victims**

- **Delayed Reporting:** Many survivors of sexual abuse, especially minors, may not come forward until years after the abuse occurs. Extending the statute of limitations gives them more time to process their trauma, come to terms with what happened, and feel ready to report the crime.
- **Trauma-Informed Approach:** Research shows that survivors of childhood sexual abuse often take years to disclose their experiences due to fear, shame, or manipulation by their abusers. A longer statute of limitations aligns the legal system with the psychological realities of trauma.

#### **Holding Perpetrators Accountable**

- **Increased Prosecution:** Perpetrators of sexual abuse may remain a threat to society for years if they are not held accountable. Extending the statute allows prosecutors to pursue charges even after significant time has passed, potentially preventing future crimes.
- **Message of Accountability:** Extending the statute signals that the state takes sexual crimes against children seriously and prioritizes justice over arbitrary deadlines.

By addressing these challenges, New Mexico can work toward a legal system that balances fairness with justice for survivors.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None to DPS

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None to DPS

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None to DPS

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None to DPS

**ALTERNATIVES**

None to DPS

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo will remain

**AMENDMENTS**

None to DPS