



2023 SENATE BILL 302

May 18, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, AGARD, TAYLOR, FEYEN, HUTTON, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDRUM, BILLINGS, ANDRACA, BINSFELD, CONLEY, DITTRICH, EDMING, JOERS, MAXEY, OHNSTAD, PALMERI, RETTINGER, ROZAR, SINICKI, STUBBS and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend 893.587; to amend 893.587 (title); and to**
2 **create 893.587 (1) of the statutes; relating to:** the statute of limitations for
3 sexual contact with a child.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may bring a civil action for injury resulting from being sexually assaulted or subject to incest as a child, or from being subject to sexual contact by a member of the clergy as a child, at any time before the injured party reaches the age of 35.

This bill increases the time limit for bringing those actions to any time before the injured party reaches the age of 45. In addition, the bill applies this time period to a broader range of actions. Under the bill, the new time limit applies to any action for injury resulting from being subject, as a child, to any sexual contact by an adult or by an adult member of the clergy.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 893.587 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 **893.587 (title) Sexual assault of contact with a child; limitation.**

