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AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the timeliness of prosecutions for certain sex offenses; to amend the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law, the court of claims act and the education law, in relation to the timeliness for commencing certain civil actions related to sex offenses

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 30.10 of the
2 criminal procedure law, as separately amended by chapters 3 and 320 of
3 the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
4 (f) For purposes of a prosecution involving a sexual offense as
5 defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law, other than a
6 sexual offense delineated in paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this
7 section, committed against a child less than eighteen years of age,
8 incest in the first, second or third degree as defined in sections
9 255.27, 255.26 and 255.25 of the penal law committed against a child
10 less than eighteen years of age, or use of a child in a sexual perform-
11 ance as defined in section 263.05 of the penal law, the period of limi-
12 tation shall not begin to run until the child has reached the age of
13 [eighteen] TWENTY-THREE or the offense is reported to a law enforcement
14 agency or statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment,
15 whichever occurs earlier.
16 S 2. The opening paragraph of section 208 of the civil practice law
17 and rules is designated subdivision (a) and a new subdivision (b) is
18 added to read as follows:
19 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION,
20 WITH RESPECT TO ALL CIVIL CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION BROUGHT BY ANY
21 PERSON FOR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL OR OTHER INJURY OR CONDITION SUFFERED
22 AS A RESULT OF CONDUCT OF A DEFENDANT WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A SEXUAL

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE PENAL LAW
2 COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, INCEST AS
3 DEFINED IN SECTION 255.25, 255.26 OR 255.27 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED
4 AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, OR THE USE OF A CHILD
5 IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 263.05 OF THE PENAL LAW,
6 OR A PREDECESSOR STATUTE THAT PROHIBITED SUCH CONDUCT AT THE TIME OF THE
7 ACT, WHICH CONDUCT WAS COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN
8 YEARS OF AGE, THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE ACTION MUST BE COMMENCED SHALL
9 BE EXTENDED TO FIVE YEARS AFTER THE PERSON REACHES THE AGE OF
10 TWENTY-THREE YEARS.

11 S 3. Subdivision 8 of section 50-e of the general municipal law, as
12 amended by chapter 24 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 8. Inapplicability of section. (A) This section shall not apply to
15 claims arising under the provisions of the workers' compensation law,
16 the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, or the volunteer ambulance
17 workers' benefit law or to claims against public corporations by their
18 own infant wards.

19 (B) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIM MADE FOR PHYSICAL,
20 PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR OTHER INJURY OR CONDITION SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF
21 CONDUCT OF A DEFENDANT WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A SEXUAL OFFENSE AS
22 DEFINED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST
23 A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, INCEST AS DEFINED IN SECTION
24 255.25, 255.26 OR 255.27 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS
25 THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, OR THE USE OF A CHILD IN A SEXUAL PERFORM-
26 ANCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 263.05 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A
27 CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

28 S 4. Section 50-i of the general municipal law is amended by adding a
29 new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

30 5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THIS SECTION
31 SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIM MADE AGAINST A CITY, COUNTY, TOWN, VILLAGE,
32 FIRE DISTRICT OR SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR OTHER
33 INJURY OR CONDITION SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF CONDUCT OF A DEFENDANT WHICH
34 WOULD CONSTITUTE A SEXUAL OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED
35 THIRTY OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN
36 YEARS OF AGE, INCEST AS DEFINED IN SECTION 255.25, 255.26 OR 255.27 OF
37 THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE,
38 OR THE USE OF A CHILD IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION
39 263.05 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN
40 YEARS OF AGE.

41 S 5. Section 10 of the court of claims act is amended by adding a new
42 subdivision 10 to read as follows:

43 10. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THIS SECTION
44 SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIM TO RECOVER DAMAGES FOR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOG-
45 ICAL, OR OTHER INJURY OR CONDITION SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF CONDUCT OF A
46 DEFENDANT WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A SEXUAL OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE
47 ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN
48 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, INCEST AS DEFINED IN SECTION 255.25, 255.26 OR
49 255.27 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN
50 YEARS OF AGE, OR THE USE OF A CHILD IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE AS DEFINED
51 IN SECTION 263.05 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN
52 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

53 S 6. Subdivision 2 of section 3813 of the education law, as amended by
54 chapter 346 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

55 2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinbefore contained in
56 this section, no action or special proceeding founded upon tort shall be

1 prosecuted or maintained against any of the parties named in this
2 section or against any teacher or member of the supervisory or adminis-
3 trative staff or employee where the alleged tort was committed by such
4 teacher or member or employee acting in the discharge of his duties
5 within the scope of his employment and/or under the direction of the
6 board of education, trustee or trustees, or governing body of the school
7 unless a notice of claim shall have been made and served in compliance
8 with section fifty-e of the general municipal law. Every such action
9 shall be commenced pursuant to the provisions of section fifty-i of the
10 general municipal law, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SECTION SHALL NOT
11 APPLY TO ANY CLAIM TO RECOVER DAMAGES FOR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR
12 OTHER INJURY OR CONDITION SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF CONDUCT OF A DEFENDANT
13 WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A SEXUAL OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN
15 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, INCEST AS DEFINED IN SECTION 255.25, 255.26 OR
16 255.27 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN EIGHTEEN
17 YEARS OF AGE, OR THE USE OF A CHILD IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE AS DEFINED
18 IN SECTION 263.05 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD LESS THAN
19 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

20 S 7. The provisions of this act shall be severable, and if any
21 clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this act shall be
22 adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such
23 judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof,
24 but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, para-
25 graph, subdivision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy
26 in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

27 S 8. This act shall take effect immediately.