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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the statute of limitations in criminal prosecution of certain sex trafficking crimes; to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to the statute of limitations for civil actions related to certain sex trafficking offenses, reviving such actions otherwise barred by the existing statute of limitations and granting trial preference to such actions; to amend the general municipal law, in relation to providing that the notice of claim provisions shall not apply to actions related to certain sex trafficking offenses; to amend the court of claims act, in relation to providing that the notice of intention to file provisions shall not apply to actions related to certain sex trafficking offenses; and to amend the education law, in relation to providing that the notice of claim provisions shall not apply to actions related to certain sex trafficking offenses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 30.10 of the
2 criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 315 of the laws of 2019,
3 is amended to read as follows:
4 (a) A prosecution for a class A felony, or rape in the first degree as
5 defined in section 130.35 of the penal law, or a crime defined or
6 formerly defined in section 130.50 of the penal law, or aggravated sexual
7 abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.70 of the penal
8 law, or course of sexual conduct against a child in the first degree as
9 defined in section 130.75 of the penal law, or sex trafficking as
10 defined in section 230.34 of the penal law, or sex trafficking of a
11 child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law, or incest in the
12 first degree as defined in section 255.27 of the penal law may be
13 commenced at any time;

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

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1 § 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 30.10 of the criminal
2 procedure law, as amended by chapter 11 of the laws of 2019, is amended
3 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, the
8 period of limitation shall not begin to run until the child has reached
9 the age of twenty-three or the offense is reported to a law enforcement
10 agency or statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment,
11 whichever occurs earlier. This paragraph shall not apply to sexual
12 offenses delineated in paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section
13 committed against a child less than eighteen years of age, sex traffick-
14 ing as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law committed against a
15 child less than eighteen years of age, sex trafficking of a child as
16 defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law, incest in the first,
17 second or third degree as defined in sections 255.27, 255.26 and 255.25
18 of the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of
19 age, or use of a child in a sexual performance as defined in section
20 263.05 of the penal law[~~, the period of limitation shall not begin to~~
21 ~~run until the child has reached the age of twenty three or the offense~~
22 ~~is reported to a law enforcement agency or statewide central register of~~
23 ~~child abuse and maltreatment, whichever occurs earlier].~~

24 § 3. Subdivision (b) of section 208 of the civil practice law and
25 rules, as added by chapter 11 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law which imposes a period of
28 limitation to the contrary and the provisions of any other law pertain-
29 ing to the filing of a notice of claim or a notice of intention to file
30 a claim as a condition precedent to commencement of an action or special
31 proceeding, with respect to all civil claims or causes of action brought
32 by any person for physical, psychological or other injury or condition
33 suffered by such person as a result of conduct which would constitute a
34 sexual offense as defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law
35 committed against such person who was less than eighteen years of age,
36 sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law committed
37 against such person who was less than eighteen years of age, sex traf-
38 ficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law,
39 incest as defined in section 255.27, 255.26 or 255.25 of the penal law
40 committed against such person who was less than eighteen years of age,
41 or the use of such person in a sexual performance as defined in section
42 263.05 of the penal law, or a predecessor statute that prohibited such
43 conduct at the time of the act, which conduct was committed against such
44 person who was less than eighteen years of age, such action may be
45 commenced, against any party whose intentional or negligent acts or
46 omissions are alleged to have resulted in the commission of said
47 conduct, on or before the plaintiff or infant plaintiff reaches the age
48 of fifty-five years. In any such claim or action, in addition to any
49 other defense and affirmative defense that may be available in accord-
50 ance with law, rule or the common law, to the extent that the acts
51 alleged in such action are of the type described in subdivision one of
52 section 130.30 of the penal law or subdivision one of section 130.45 of
53 the penal law, the affirmative defenses set forth, respectively, in the
54 closing paragraph of such sections of the penal law shall apply.

55 § 4. Section 214-g of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by
56 chapter 130 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

1 § 214-g. Certain child sexual abuse cases. Notwithstanding any
2 provision of law which imposes a period of limitation to the contrary
3 and the provisions of any other law pertaining to the filing of a notice
4 of claim or a notice of intention to file a claim as a condition prece-
5 dent to commencement of an action or special proceeding, every civil
6 claim or cause of action brought against any party alleging intentional
7 or negligent acts or omissions by a person for physical, psychological,
8 or other injury or condition suffered as a result of conduct which would
9 constitute a sexual offense as defined in article one hundred thirty of
10 the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age,
11 sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law committed
12 against a child less than eighteen years of age, sex trafficking of a
13 child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law, incest as defined
14 in section 255.27, 255.26 or 255.25 of the penal law committed against a
15 child less than eighteen years of age, or the use of a child in a sexual
16 performance as defined in section 263.05 of the penal law, or a prede-
17 cessor statute that prohibited such conduct at the time of the act,
18 which conduct was committed against a child less than eighteen years of
19 age, which is barred as of the effective date of this section because
20 the applicable period of limitation has expired, and/or the plaintiff
21 previously failed to file a notice of claim or a notice of intention to
22 file a claim, is hereby revived, and action thereon may be commenced not
23 earlier than six months after, and not later than two years and six
24 months after the effective date of this section. In any such claim or
25 action: (a) in addition to any other defense and affirmative defense
26 that may be available in accordance with law, rule or the common law, to
27 the extent that the acts alleged in such action are of the type
28 described in subdivision one of section 130.30 of the penal law or
29 subdivision one of section 130.45 of the penal law, the affirmative
30 defenses set forth, respectively, in the closing paragraph of such
31 sections of the penal law shall apply; and (b) dismissal of a previous
32 action, ordered before the effective date of this section, on grounds
33 that such previous action was time barred, and/or for failure of a party
34 to file a notice of claim or a notice of intention to file a claim,
35 shall not be grounds for dismissal of a revival action pursuant to this
36 section.

37 § 5. Section 213-c of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by
38 chapter 315 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

39 § 213-c. Action by victim of conduct constituting certain sexual
40 offenses. Notwithstanding any other limitation set forth in this arti-
41 cle, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section two hundred eight
42 of this article, all civil claims or causes of action brought by any
43 person for physical, psychological or other injury or condition suffered
44 by such person as a result of conduct which would constitute rape in the
45 first degree as defined in section 130.35 of the penal law, or rape in
46 the second degree as defined in subdivision two of section 130.30 of the
47 penal law, or rape in the third degree as defined in subdivision one or
48 three of section 130.25 of the penal law, or criminal sexual act in the
49 first degree as defined in section 130.50 of the penal law, or criminal
50 sexual act in the second degree as defined in subdivision two of section
51 130.45 of the penal law, or criminal sexual act in the third degree as
52 defined in subdivision one or three of section 130.40 of the penal law,
53 or incest in the first degree as defined in section 255.27 of the penal
54 law, or incest in the second degree as defined in section 255.26 of the
55 penal law (where the crime committed is rape in the second degree as
56 defined in subdivision two of section 130.30 of the penal law or crimi-

1 nal sexual act in the second degree as defined in subdivision two of
2 section 130.45), or aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree as
3 defined in section 130.70 of the penal law, or course of sexual conduct
4 against a child in the first degree as defined in section 130.75 of the
5 penal law, or sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal
6 law, or sex trafficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the
7 penal law may be brought against any party whose intentional or negli-
8 gent acts or omissions are alleged to have resulted in the commission of
9 the said conduct, within twenty years. Nothing in this section shall be
10 construed to require that a criminal charge be brought or a criminal
11 conviction be obtained as a condition of bringing a civil cause of
12 action or receiving a civil judgment pursuant to this section or be
13 construed to require that any of the rules governing a criminal proceed-
14 ing be applicable to any such civil action.

15 § 6. The civil practice law and rules is amended by adding a new
16 section 214-k to read as follows:

17 § 214-k. Certain sexual offense actions. Notwithstanding any
18 provision of law which imposes a period of limitation to the contrary
19 and the provisions of any other law pertaining to the filing of a notice
20 of claim or a notice of intention to file a claim as a condition prece-
21 dent to commencement of an action or special proceeding, every civil
22 claim or cause of action brought against any party alleging intentional
23 or negligent acts or omissions by a person for physical, psychological,
24 or other injury or condition suffered as a result of conduct which would
25 constitute sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law
26 committed against such person who was eighteen years of age or older,
27 which is barred as of the effective date of this section because the
28 applicable period of limitation has expired, and/or the plaintiff previ-
29 ously failed to file a notice of claim or a notice of intention to file
30 a claim, is hereby revived, and action thereon may be commenced not
31 earlier than six months after, and not later than one year and six
32 months after the effective date of this section. In any such claim or
33 action, dismissal of a previous action, ordered before the effective
34 date of this section, on grounds that such previous action was time
35 barred, and/or for failure of a party to file a notice of claim or a
36 notice of intention to file a claim, shall not be grounds for dismissal
37 of a revival action pursuant to this section.

38 § 7. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 8 of section 50-e of the general
39 municipal law, as added by chapter 11 of the laws of 2019, is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 (b) This section shall not apply to any claim made for physical,
42 psychological, or other injury or condition suffered as a result of
43 conduct which would constitute a sexual offense as defined in article
44 one hundred thirty of the penal law committed against a child less than
45 eighteen years of age, sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of
46 the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age,
47 sex trafficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal
48 law, incest as defined in section 255.27, 255.26 or 255.25 of the penal
49 law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age, or the
50 use of a child in a sexual performance as defined in section 263.05 of
51 the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age.

52 § 8. Subdivision 5 of section 50-i of the general municipal law, as
53 added by chapter 11 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

54 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this section
55 shall not apply to any claim made against a city, county, town, village,
56 fire district or school district for physical, psychological, or other

1 injury or condition suffered as a result of conduct which would consti-
2 tute a sexual offense as defined in article one hundred thirty of the
3 penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age, sex
4 trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal law committed
5 against a child less than eighteen years of age, sex trafficking of a
6 child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law, incest as defined
7 in section 255.27, 255.26 or 255.25 of the penal law committed against a
8 child less than eighteen years of age, or the use of a child in a sexual
9 performance as defined in section 263.05 of the penal law committed
10 against a child less than eighteen years of age.

11 § 9. Subdivision 10 of section 10 of the court of claims act, as added
12 by chapter 11 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

13 10. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this section
14 shall not apply to any claim to recover damages for physical, psycholog-
15 ical, or other injury or condition suffered as a result of conduct which
16 would constitute a sexual offense as defined in article one hundred
17 thirty of the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen
18 years of age, sex trafficking as defined in section 230.34 of the penal
19 law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age, sex traf-
20 ficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law,
21 incest as defined in section 255.27, 255.26 or 255.25 of the penal law
22 committed against a child less than eighteen years of age, or the use of
23 a child in a sexual performance as defined in section 263.05 of the
24 penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age.

25 § 10. Subdivision 2 of section 3813 of the education law, as amended
26 by chapter 11 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

27 2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinbefore contained in
28 this section, no action or special proceeding founded upon tort shall be
29 prosecuted or maintained against any of the parties named in this
30 section or against any teacher or member of the supervisory or adminis-
31 trative staff or employee where the alleged tort was committed by such
32 teacher or member or employee acting in the discharge of his duties
33 within the scope of his employment and/or under the direction of the
34 board of education, trustee or trustees, or governing body of the school
35 unless a notice of claim shall have been made and served in compliance
36 with section fifty-e of the general municipal law. Every such action
37 shall be commenced pursuant to the provisions of section fifty-i of the
38 general municipal law; provided, however, that this section shall not
39 apply to any claim to recover damages for physical, psychological, or
40 other injury or condition suffered as a result of conduct which would
41 constitute a sexual offense as defined in article one hundred thirty of
42 the penal law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age,
43 sex trafficking of a child as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal
44 law committed against a child less than eighteen years of age, incest as
45 defined in section 255.27, 255.26 or 255.25 of the penal law committed
46 against a child less than eighteen years of age, or the use of a child
47 in a sexual performance as defined in section 263.05 of the penal law
48 committed against a child less than eighteen years of age.

49 § 11. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or
50 part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdic-
51 tion to be invalid and after exhaustion of all further judicial review,
52 the judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder there-
53 of, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence,
54 paragraph, section or part of this act directly involved in the contro-
55 versy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

1 § 12. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to acts
2 or omissions occurring on or after such effective date and to acts or
3 omissions occurring prior to such effective date where the applicable
4 statute of limitations in effect on the date of such act or omission has
5 not yet expired.