

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 19-0084.01 Michael Dohr x4347

**SENATE BILL 19-049**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING INCREASING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN**  
102 **FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CRIMES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill makes the statute of limitations 5 years for failure to report child abuse when a child makes a verbal or written allegation of unlawful sexual behavior to a mandatory reporter.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-304, **add** (5) as  
2 follows:

3           **19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.**

4 (5) NO PERSON SHALL BE PROSECUTED, TRIED, OR PUNISHED FOR AN  
5 OFFENSE THAT PERTAINS TO A REPORT OF UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR  
6 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-22-102 (9) AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN  
7 A MANDATORY REPORTER HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO KNOW OR SUSPECT  
8 THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR OR  
9 OBSERVED THE CHILD BEING SUBJECTED TO CIRCUMSTANCES OR  
10 CONDITIONS THAT WOULD REASONABLY RESULT IN UNLAWFUL SEXUAL  
11 BEHAVIOR UNLESS THE INDICTMENT, INFORMATION, COMPLAINT, OR  
12 ACTION FOR THE SAME IS FOUND OR INSTITUTED WITHIN THREE YEARS  
13 AFTER THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE. THE LIMITATION FOR  
14 COMMENCING CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING ACTS OF FAILURE TO  
15 REPORT CHILD ABUSE OTHER THAN THOSE INVOLVING ACTS DESCRIBED IN  
16 THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE GOVERNED BY SECTION 16-5-401.

17           **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to offenses  
18 committed on or after the effective date of this act.

19           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.