

**Senate File 2083 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the limitations on criminal actions for the  
2 criminal offense of child endangerment.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 802.2B, Code 2016, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Child endangerment in violation of  
4 section 726.6.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill relates to the limitations on criminal actions for  
9 the criminal offense of child endangerment.

10 Under the bill, an information or indictment for child  
11 endangerment in violation of Code section 726.6 committed on or  
12 with a person who is a child under the age of 14 or who is under  
13 the age of 18 and who has a mental or physical disability,  
14 shall be found within 10 years after the person upon whom the  
15 offense is committed attains 18 years of age.

16 Current law provides that an indictment or information  
17 shall be found within three years after its commission. The  
18 punishment for child endangerment ranges from a class "B"  
19 felony to an aggravated misdemeanor depending on the facts of  
20 the case.

21 The bill also provides that if the person against whom the  
22 information or indictment for child endangerment is sought is  
23 identified through the use of a DNA profile, an information  
24 or indictment shall be found within 10 years after the person  
25 upon whom the offense was committed attains 18 years of age, or  
26 within three years from the date the person is identified by  
27 the person's DNA profile, whichever is later.