

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB 974</b>                                 |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>Engrossed</b>                              |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |   |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>Creates felony; exact impact dependent</b> |

**Research Analysis**

SB 974 provides a definition of "discovery" as used within the statute of limitations for the prosecution of sex crimes against children to mean the date that a physical or sexually related crime involving a victim eighteen years of age or older is reported to a law enforcement agency.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure, as engrossed, would clarify that the statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes against persons 18 years or older starts when the crime is discovered, which the measure would define as when the crime was reported to law enforcement. The measure would also create a felony for knowingly and willfully making a false report.

Upon review, passage of the measure may result in a fiscal impact to the state. By creating a felony, the measure may increase fine revenue received by the state as well as potentially increase incarceration costs borne by the Department of Corrections. The exact impact of the measure would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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**Other Considerations**

None.