
SENATE BILL 6046

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By Senators Braun, Keiser, and Mullet

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1 AN ACT Relating to suspending the statute of limitations for
2 childhood sexual abuse claims against bankruptcy estates of certain
3 organizations; adding a new section to chapter 4.16 RCW; creating a
4 new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
5 emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that participants in
8 the boy scouts of America who suffered abuse may submit a claim
9 against the boy scouts of America bankruptcy settlement trust in
10 accordance with In re Boy Scouts Of America And Delaware BSA, LLC,
11 Case No. 20-10343, United States bankruptcy court for the district of
12 Delaware, and that each claimant's award is determined based on their
13 home state's statute of limitations on sexual abuse claims. The
14 legislature intends to ensure that Washington claimants receive a
15 full allocation and that a time-limited adjustment to Washington's
16 statute of limitations on such claims is in the best interest of
17 justice.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 4.16 RCW
19 to read as follows:

1 (1) An action for claims or causes of action based on intentional
2 conduct brought by any person for recovery of damages for injury
3 suffered as a result of childhood sexual abuse against a bankruptcy
4 estate of an organization chartered under part B of subtitle II of
5 Title 36 of the United States Code may be brought at any time after
6 the cause of action accrues.

7 (2) The definitions in RCW 4.16.340 apply to this section.

8 (3) This section expires July 1, 2029.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
11 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
12 effect immediately.

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