

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6354
BILL NUMBER: SB 143

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 25, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Statute of Limitations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Alexander
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the prosecution of Level 3 felony rape and child molesting offenses to be commenced at any time.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Department of Correction (DOC):* Any increase in the DOC's population is expected to be minor. Under current law, prosecution is barred unless commenced within five years after the commission of the offense, or within four years after the person ceases to be a dependent of the person alleged to have committed the offense, whichever occurs later.

The sentencing range for a Level 3 felony is shown below:

Minimum	Advisory	Maximum
3 years	9 years	16 years

Victim Reimbursement: This could increase the number of persons who might be eligible for victim reimbursement from the Criminal Justice Institute. However, any added monetary assistance to these new victims will be minimal.

Additional Information - According to the Indiana Supreme Court, the following persons have been convicted of child molesting or rape as a Level 3 felony.

Number of Persons Convicted of Child Molesting (IC 35-42-4-3) or Rape (IC 35-42-4-1)						
Felony - Level 3	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Child Molesting	52	45	53	47	53	40
Rape	45	38	66	51	61	75

The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$30,674 annually, or \$83.98 daily, in FY 2025. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the marginal cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$4,825 annually, or \$13.22 daily, per prisoner. These marginal cost estimates are based on contractual agreements with food and medical vendors and projections based on prior years for clothing and hygiene. The estimated average cost of housing a juvenile in a state juvenile facility was \$140,044, or \$383.42 daily, in FY 2025. The marginal cost for juvenile facilities was \$8,986 annually or \$24.62 daily

Explanation of State Revenues: If more court cases occur and fines would increase revenue for the Common School Fund and the state General Fund. The maximum fine for a Level 3 felony is \$10,000. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund. The total fee revenue per case would range between \$113 and \$138. The amount of court fees deposited will vary depending on whether the case is filed in a court of record or a municipal court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in criminal, juvenile, and civil violation cases.](#)

Explanation of Local Expenditures: If more defendants are detained in county jails prior to their court hearings, local expenditures for jail operations may increase. The Gateway reports show that in CY 2023, housing offenders in 33 Indiana county jails cost an average of \$56 to \$79 per day.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, more revenue will be collected by certain local units. If the case is filed in a court of record, the county general fund will receive \$47.40 and qualifying municipalities will receive a share of \$3.60. If the case is filed in a municipal court, the county receives \$30, and the municipality will receive \$46. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in criminal, juvenile, and civil violation cases.](#)

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs' Association, Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual; Department of Corrections; Indiana Gateway for Government Units, 2023 Annual Financial Reports, <https://gateway.ifonline.org/public/download.aspx> Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2023 Annual Survey of Jails Data Series, <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/NACJD/series/7>.

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