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## Governor Musgrove: No Time Limit on Prosecuting Sex Offenses Against Children

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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed legislation this morning removing the time limitation on prosecuting individuals who commit sexual offenses against children.

"There should be no obstacles in our efforts to prosecute those who would prey on our innocent children, and this legislation helps ensure that," Musgrove said. "Any criminal offense against a child, especially one of a sexual nature, is an offense against us as a decent and just society. The pursuit of justice in such cases should not be limited by time."

House Bill 642 becomes effective July 1, 2003.

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