

HB 2306

Judiciary Committee

Written testimony in support of HB 2306

Request for permission to speak about the statute of limitations running out for religious sexual predators.

1. My work with teens as a high school counselor
2. Murdering the body (vs) murdering the soul
3. The effects of childhood sexual abuse

Maltz (2002) "Sexual abuse occurs whenever one person dominates and exploits another by means of sexual activity or suggestion."

- a. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
  - b. Alcohol and drug abuse
  - c. Depression / Suicidal Ideation and attempts
  - d. Anxiety, panic attacks, phobias, guilt, shame
  - e. Obsessions, compulsions
  - f. Low self-esteem, poor body image, eating disorders
  - g. Trust issues: Forming relationships, maintaining relationships, push-pull relationships, abusive relationships, separation, divorce, fear of intimacy, trouble setting boundaries
4. Matthew 18: 2-6 (NLT)
    2. Jesus called a little child to Him and put the child among them
    3. Then He said, I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the kingdom of Heaven.
    4. So, anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven
    5. and anyone who welcomes a little child like this one on my behalf is welcoming me.
    6. But, if you cause one of these little ones who trust in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.
  5. Conclusion

The statute of limitations never runs out of the victims, why should it run out on the perpetrators? "I had my life stolen."

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