

SCS HCS HB 177 & HCS HB 622 -- COURT RECORDS FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES

This bill authorizes the judge presiding over a domestic assault, sexual assault, stalking, or forcible rape case to publicly disclose identifying information regarding the defendant which could be used to identify or locate the victim of the crime. The victim may provide a statement regarding whether or not he or she wants the information to remain closed. The judge must consider the statement of the victim and the welfare and safety of the victim in determining whether to disclose the information.