

HB 1598 -- Domestic Violence

Sponsor: Hubbard

This bill specifies that any person for whom a third response by law enforcement is made due to an alleged incident of abuse or violation of an order of protection must automatically be placed under arrest for domestic assault in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor for the first offense, and the case referred to the appropriate prosecuting attorney for prosecution. Any person who has pled guilty or has been found guilty under these provisions must be ordered by the court to participate in a court-approved counseling program designed to help batterers stop violent behavior or in a substance abuse treatment program.