

SCS SB 321 -- COURT ORDERS OF PROTECTION

This bill changes the laws regarding court orders of protection. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Adds causing or attempting to cause another person to engage involuntarily in a sexual act without his or her consent to the definition of "sexual assault";
- (2) Revises the definition of "stalking" to include when any person purposely engages in an unwanted course of conduct that causes alarm to an individual who resides in the same household with the individual seeking the order of protection when it is reasonable in that individual's situation to have been alarmed by the conduct;
- (3) Changes "repeated acts" in the definition of "course of conduct" to "two or more acts"; and
- (4) Allows the court to grant an order of protection to a victim of sexual assault.