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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 02/08/2024

House

The Committee on Rules (Polsky) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 36 - 76

and insert:

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(c) Furthering justice, which can encompass furthering a public interest when the disclosure is requested pursuant to paragraph (2)(c).

8 (2) It is unlawful for any person knowingly to publish,
9 broadcast, disclose, divulge, or communicate to any other
10 person, or knowingly to cause or permit to be published,
11 broadcast, disclosed, divulged, or communicated to any other

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12 person, in any manner whatsoever, any testimony of a witness 13 examined before the grand jury, or the content, gist, or import 14 thereof, except when such testimony is or has been disclosed in 15 any of the following circumstances: a court proceeding.

(a) When a court orders the disclosure of such testimony 16 17 pursuant to subsection (1) for use in a criminal case, it may be disclosed to the prosecuting attorney of the court in which such 18 19 criminal case is pending, and by the prosecuting attorney to his 20 or her assistants, legal associates, and employees, and to the 21 defendant and the defendant's attorney, and by the latter to his 22 or her legal associates and employees. However, the grand jury testimony afforded such persons by the court can only be used in 23 24 the defense or prosecution of the criminal case and for no other 25 purpose.

26 (b) When a court orders the such disclosure of such 27 testimony is ordered by a court pursuant to subsection (1) for 28 use in a civil case, it may be disclosed to all parties to the 29 case and to their attorneys and by the latter to their legal associates and employees. However, the grand jury testimony 30 afforded such persons by the court can only be used in the 31 32 defense or prosecution of the civil or criminal case and for no 33 other purpose whatsoever.

(c) When a court orders the disclosure of such testimony pursuant to subsection (1) in response to a request by the media or an interested person, regardless of whether that purpose is for use in a criminal or civil case, it may be disclosed so long as the subject of the grand jury inquiry is deceased, the grand jury inquiry is related to criminal or sexual activity between the subject of the grand jury investigation and a person who was

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41	a minor at the time of the alleged criminal or sexual activity,
42	the testimony was previously disclosed by a court order, and the
43	state attorney is provided notice of the request. This paragraph
44	does not limit the court's ability to limit the disclosure of
45	testimony, including, but not limited to, redaction.