

By Representative Stafford

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to protective services for
3 certain victims and witnesses; amending s.
4 914.25, F.S.; redefining "serious felony
5 offense" with respect to said section to
6 include criminal attempts, solicitations, or
7 conspiracies to commit specified offenses;
8 providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
13 914.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 914.25 Protective services for certain victims and
15 witnesses.--

16 (1) For purposes of this section:

17 (a) A "victim or witness at risk of harm" means a
18 victim or witness who, as a result of cooperating in an
19 investigation or prosecution of a serious felony offense, has
20 been subjected to violence or other forms of intimidation, or
21 who is the subject of a substantial threat to commit violence.
22 The term also includes a member of the victim's or witness's
23 immediate family.

24 (b) "Serious felony offense" means one of the
25 following offenses, and includes a criminal attempt, criminal
26 solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit any of the
27 following offenses: murder, manslaughter, sexual battery,
28 aggravated stalking, aggravated battery, carjacking, home
29 invasion robbery, burglary, arson, robbery, kidnapping,
30 racketeering, or trafficking in a controlled substance.

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