

By Senator Campbell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to protective services for
3 victims and witnesses; amending s. 914.25,
4 F.S.; redefining the term "serious felony
5 offense" to include an attempt, solicitation,
6 or conspiracy to commit certain offenses for
7 purposes of provisions that authorize law
8 enforcement agencies to protect victims and
9 witnesses who are at risk of harm; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 914.25, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 914.25 Protective services for certain victims and
17 witnesses.--

18 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

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

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

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 Provides for a victim or witness to be provided
9 protection if the victim or witness is at risk of harm
10 following an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to
11 commit certain serious felony offenses.
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