

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 507 (2026)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u> (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u> (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u> (Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Baker offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 20-23 and insert:

7 own motion, the court may require a pro se defendant to present,
8 ask, or in any way communicate questions to such person, victim,
9 or witness through standby counsel, using questions provided or
10 approved by the defendant, at any trial, hearing, or deposition
11 if the court makes specific findings on the record that such a
12 requirement is necessary to protect the person, victim, or
13 witness from emotional or mental harm that would result from
14 direct communication with the defendant.

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Remove lines 3-6 and insert:

proceedings; amending s. 92.55, F.S.; authorizing a court to require a pro se defendant to question certain victims and witnesses through standby counsel at any trial, hearing, or deposition upon a specified finding; providing an effective date.