
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to
Original House Bill No. 131 by Representative Coussan

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 12 through 20 in their entirety, on page 2, delete lines 1 through 6 in
3 their entirety, and insert the following:

4 "(3)(a)(i) Prior to requesting any interview with a victim or victim's
5 family member, the attorney for the defendant or any employee or agent
6 working for the attorney for the defendant, shall clearly and unambiguously
7 notify the victim or victim's family member of his representation or work on
8 behalf of the defendant, and shall advise the victim or the victim's family
9 member of their right to refuse the interview.

10 (ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply when the
11 victim or victim's family member initiates communication with the attorney
12 for the defendant or with any employee or agent working for the attorney for
13 the defendant.

14 (b) The victim and the victim's family may refuse any requests for
15 interviews with the attorney for the defendant or any employee or agent
16 working for the attorney for the defendant. If the victim is a minor, the
17 parent or guardian of the victim may refuse to permit the minor to be
18 interviewed by the attorney for the defendant or any employee or agent
19 working for the attorney for the defendant.

20 (c) Before any victim may be subpoenaed to testify on behalf of a
21 defendant at any pretrial hearing, the defendant shall show good cause at a
22 contradictory hearing with the district attorney why the subpoena should be
23 issued.

24 (d) Willful disregard of the rights of victims and witnesses as
25 enumerated in this Paragraph may be punishable as contempt of court."