



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Authorizes use of pseudonym, initials or other signifier instead of name of victim, or witness if witness is also victim, in indictment when specified requirements are met. Provides for confidentiality of document containing name of witness or victim until entry of final judgment on case unless court orders otherwise based on finding of good cause.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure the document submitted by the prosecutor in a criminal case that identifies the name of the victim of a sex crime when a pseudonym, initials or other signifier is used in publicly available court records instead of the name of the victim, until a final judgment in the case is entered.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could learn the identity of victims of sex crimes prior to the issuance of a final judgment in the case.