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Act No. 44 (H.74). Crimes and criminal procedures; domestic relations

An act relating to domestic and sexual violence

This act addresses a number of issues related to domestic and sexual violence, including:

- Creates the misdemeanor crime of prohibited conduct of open and gross lewdness
- Creates a “Bill of Rights for Sexual Assault Survivors”
- Eliminates the statute of limitations for sexual assault and child pornography, which had previously been six years for both
- Eliminates the ability of a defendant to modify a parental rights and responsibilities order in cases involving a child who was conceived as a result of a sexual assault
- Tweaks the language for emergency and final domestic abuse protection orders to allow a court comprehensively to prohibit a defendant from contacting a plaintiff in any way, whether directly or indirectly, and through any method

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 23, 2017