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Act No. 89 (S.190). An act relating to statements made by a child victim of an offense involving serious bodily injury

Subjects: Criminal procedure; hearsay; depositions

This act amends the court rules, limiting the number of times a child must recount the child's experience of physical abuse that resulted in seriously bodily injury. The act applies existing rules regarding depositions of children under 16 years of age if they are victims of certain sexual offenses to children under 16 years of age if they are victims in a case of cruelty to a child involving serious bodily injury. Similarly, the rule permitting admissibility of hearsay statements by a child 12 years of age or under if the child is the putative victim of a sexual offense is extended to hearsay statements by a child 12 years of age or under if the child is the putative victim of cruelty to a child involving serious bodily injury.

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