

HCS HB 1461 -- ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

This bill makes changes to the Address Confidentiality Program. Currently, the program authorizes the official use of a designated address in lieu of a personal address to protect victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. The bill expands the program to apply to victims of any crime who fear for their safety. The bill also applies the program to other individuals living with the victim.

The bill specifies that if a parent is participating in the Address Confidentiality Program, a court order releasing information on a minor child in a custody case shall not release the program parent's address. Additionally, if a parent wishes to relocate a child who is under his or her custody, a parent in the program may provide his or her information under seal to the court for in camera review.

The bill further specifies that an applicant may complete his or her own renewal for the Address Confidentiality Program and does not need to use an application assistant. A participant in the program may be removed if he or she moves outside of Missouri.