

HB 1779 -- FULL ORDERS OF PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

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This bill adds to the rights afforded to victims and witnesses of crimes a full order of protection if such victims or witnesses fear for their safety. A victim or witness obtaining a full order of protection shall not be required to release his or her social security number, date of birth, or contact number; however, the victim's or witness's last known address may be released upon written request of the defendant or defense counsel, but only if such release is approved by the court. If the address was released without court approval, the person releasing such information shall be held in contempt of court and fined \$1,000.

This bill is the same as HB 505 (2017).