

HB 2 -- TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS OR VICTIM

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This bill specifies that an otherwise inadmissible witness statement is admissible in evidence in a criminal proceeding as substantive evidence if the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence in a hearing conducted outside the presence of the jury and before the case is submitted to the jury, that the defendant engaged in or acquiesced to wrongdoing with the purpose of preventing the witness from testifying in any proceeding.

This bill specifies that the offense of tampering with a witness or victim is a class C felony if the original charge is a class A felony or an unclassified felony.

There is an emergency clause for this bill.