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Brief Title: Requiring permission before disclosing the address of a child victim or witness or the address of a parent of a child victim or witness.

SB 5538 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, at the time of reporting a crime to law enforcement officials and at the time of the initial witness interview, child victims or child witnesses of violent crimes, sex crimes, or child abuse and the child's parents shall be informed of their rights to not have their address disclosed by any law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office, defense counsel, or state agency without the permission of the child victim or the child's parents or legal guardian.

Allows the address to be disclosed to another law enforcement agency, prosecutor, defense counsel, or private or governmental agency that provides services to the child.

Provides that intentional disclosure of an address in violation of this section is a misdemeanor.