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House Bill 6082 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Penny Crissman  
House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights  
Senate Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Probate Code to allow a minor to change his or her name with the consent or signature of his or her custodial parent upon notice to the noncustodial parent if the other parent had been convicted of child abuse, first-, second-, third-, or fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, or assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, and the child or a sibling of the child were the victim of the crime.

Generally, the Code now allows a minor to change his or her name only with the consent of both of his or her parents. A minor may change his or her name with the consent of only one parent, however, if the other parent has failed to provide regular and substantial support or has failed to comply substantially with a support order for two or more years and also has failed to visit, contact, or communicate with the child for two or more years. The bill, in addition, would allow a name change with the consent of one parent if the other were convicted of a crime described above.

The bill would take effect January 1, 1997.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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