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Senate Bill 725 (as enrolled)
Sponsor: Senator Ken Sikkema
Senate Committee: Judiciary
House Committee: Criminal Justice

PUBLIC ACT 205 of 2001

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CONTENT

The bill amended the Revised Judicature Act to provide that, when considering a motion to seal court records in a civil or criminal matter, if the motion involves an allegation of domestic violence, the court must consider the safety of any alleged victim or potential victim of the domestic violence.

"Domestic violence" is defined as in the domestic violence prevention and treatment Act. Under that Act, domestic violence means the occurrence of any of the following acts by a person that is not an act of self-defense:

- Causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member.
- Placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm.
- Causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress.
- Engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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