

## HB26-1009 Amendment L001 Description

### L001 Addresses:

This amendment is a compilation of all the changes requested by the experts in their fields. L001 tweaks language as requested by the DAs, Sheriffs, Fraternal Order of Police, the AG's Office and Judicial. We are more than happy to make these clarifications to ease any concerns from our partners in the effort to prevent domestic violence fatalities.

### Here are all the specific changes:

- **Request of the DAs:** There is some confusion on the definition of high-risk victim, and the language on page 3, lines 7-9.
- **Request of Judicial:** We narrowed law enforcement so that it does not include probation or parole officers. The goal is to include anyone who would answer a DV call or encounter a DV situation in the course of duty.
- **Request of FOP:** Law enforcement raised that " at the scene of a domestic violence incident" is too narrow. We changed to "in response to DV".
- **Request of the DAs:** Clarified the discovery concern and incident report timing: Page 3, lines 5-6: Delete "include the results" add "initial" before "incident report."
- **Request of FOP & Sheriffs:** To solve some confusion on part of "shall immediately contact" if law enforcement offers and the victim refuses:
  - Page 3, delete lines 10-12 and substitute: "the circumstance, the peace officer shall immediately contact a victim's advocate, as defined in section 13-90-107(1)(k)(II), by phone or in person and provide the high-risk victim the opportunity to speak with the victim's advocate.
- **Request of COVA & DAs:** Page 4, line 12, delete "appropriate" to make it clear there is no victim advocate "more" appropriate, even though this model requires a confidential based advocate to comply with national evidence-based practice.
- **Request of AGs Office:** Clarification on reporting back to the legislature will be done through the SMART hearings.
- **Request of CCASA:** Addresses language access.