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2025 Senate Bill 146

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Amendment 1**

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Under current law, a person who is required to comply with reporting requirements because he or she has been convicted of a sex offense may not change his or her name or identify himself or herself by a name unless the name is one by which he or she is identified by the Department of Corrections.

2025 Senate Bill 146 provides that a person who has been convicted of a “violent crime,” as defined by statute for certain purposes,¹ may also not change his or her name. Under the bill, a person who changes their name in violation of this prohibition is guilty of a Class H felony.

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Senate Amendment 1 limits the scope of the bill’s prohibition to a person who has been convicted of a violent crime that is a felony.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 146 on May 2, 2025. On May 8, 2025, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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¹ The bill employs the definition of “violent crime” provided in s. [969.001\(3\)](#), Stats.