

**First Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 15-0787.01 Richard Sweetman x4333

**HOUSE BILL 15-1218**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING REQUIRING CERTAIN DISCLOSURES BY**  
102 **DEFENSE-INITIATED VICTIM OUTREACH SPECIALISTS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

In any case involving a class 1 felony, the victim's immediate family members and any witnesses in the case have the right to:

- ! Receive from the court a written explanation of defense-initiated victim outreach (DIVO) if the court has authorized expenditures for a DIVO specialist; and
- ! Not be contacted by the DIVO specialist unless the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

immediate family member or witness has consented to the contact by providing a written notice to the court.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-4.1-305** as  
3 follows:

4 **24-4.1-305. Disclosure by agent of defense-initiated victim**  
5 **outreach required.** (1) WHEN ANY AGENT OF A DEFENSE-INITIATED  
6 VICTIM OUTREACH CONTACTS ANY VICTIM OF A CLASS 1 FELONY, THE  
7 AGENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FULL AND UNAMBIGUOUS  
8 DISCLOSURE OF:

9 (a) THE AGENT'S LEGAL NAME; AND

10 (b) THE FACT THAT THE AGENT IS ACTING AS AN AGENT FOR THE  
11 PERSON ACCUSED OF THE CLASS 1 FELONY OR FOR THE DEFENSE TEAM OF  
12 SUCH PERSON.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
16 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a  
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.