

SB 98: Victims of Crimes of Sexual Violence or Sexual Exploitation

Summary:

Senate Bill 98 is an act relating to victims of crimes of sexual violence or sexual exploitation. It creates section 960.31 of the Florida Statutes, defining terms and providing rights to victims. The bill states that victims of any crime of sexual violence or sexual exploitation have the right to prevent the disclosure or dissemination of information or records that might identify them as victims. It prohibits the disclosure or dissemination of such information without the victim's written consent and allows for civil action to be taken against violators of this provision.

Cons	Pros
1) This bill may impede on the public's right to access information and records, limiting transparency and accountability in cases of sexual violence or exploitation. 2) Requiring express written consent from the victim before any disclosure or dissemination of information could create delays and burdens for law enforcement and other entities involved in investigating and prosecuting crimes. 3) The language of the bill is vague and may lead to ambiguous interpretations, potentially creating confusion and legal challenges in its implementation.	1) The bill provides protections for victims of crimes of sexual violence or exploitation by allowing them to prevent the disclosure or dissemination of information that might identify them as victims. 2) The bill ensures that victims have control over their own personal information and privacy, which can help them feel more secure and empowered during the process of seeking justice. 3) By allowing victims to initiate civil actions for injunctions, the bill gives them a legal recourse to prevent further violations of their rights.