

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 18, 2026
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1009 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 17 and 18 and substitute:
 - 2 "(b) "HIGH-RISK VICTIM" MEANS A VICTIM WHO IS DETERMINED
 - 3 HIGH-RISK BY A LETHALITY ASSESSMENT OR BY A PEACE OFFICER
 - 4 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION."
- 5 Page 2, line 21, strike "AT THE".
- 6 Page 3, strike line 1 and substitute "WHEN RESPONDING TO A REPORT OF
7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
 - 8 (d) "PEACE OFFICER" MEANS A PERSON CERTIFIED BY THE P.O.S.T.
 - 9 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-31-305 WHO RESPONDS TO AND
 - 10 INVESTIGATES INITIAL REPORTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS PART OF THE
 - 11 PEACE OFFICER'S ROUTINE DUTIES. A "PEACE OFFICER" DOES NOT INCLUDE
 - 12 A PAROLE OR PROBATION OFFICER."
- 13 Page 3, line 5, strike "RESULTS OF THE" and substitute "COMPLETED".
- 14 Page 3, line 6, before "INCIDENT" insert "INITIAL" and strike "REPORT."
15 and substitute "REPORT; EXCEPT THAT, A PEACE OFFICER IS NOT REQUIRED
16 TO CONDUCT A LETHALITY ASSESSMENT IF AN INDIVIDUAL DECLINES TO
17 PARTICIPATE IN THE LETHALITY ASSESSMENT."
- 18 Page 3, line 8, after "IF" insert "THE ASSESSMENT DOES NOT INDICATE THE
19 VICTIM IS HIGH-RISK BUT".
- 20 Page 3, lines 10 and 11, strike "CONNECT THE VICTIM TO A" and substitute
21 "CONTACT A COMMUNITY-BASED".

1 Page 3, line 12, strike "PERSON." and substitute "PERSON, AND PROVIDE
2 THE HIGH-RISK VICTIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE
3 COMMUNITY-BASED VICTIM'S ADVOCATE."

4 Page 3, line 14, strike "COORDINATION" and substitute "CONSULTATION".

5 Page 3, line 19, after "SECTION." add "AT A MINIMUM, THE TRAINING
6 MUST ADDRESS LANGUAGE ACCESS."

7 Page 3, line 20, strike "JANUARY 1, 2027," and substitute "JUNE 1, 2027,".

8 Page 3, line 27, after "SUBSECTION (5)." insert "A LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AGENCY THAT HAS PROVIDED TRAINING ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF
10 LETHALITY ASSESSMENTS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2027, IS NOT REQUIRED TO
11 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(c)."

12 Page 4, line 12, strike "APPROPRIATE".

13 Page 4, after line 15 insert:

14 "(c) EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT UTILIZES A
15 LETHALITY ASSESSMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING
16 INFORMATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, IN A MANNER
17 PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

18 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS THE
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RESPONDED TO DURING THE PRECEDING
20 CALENDAR YEAR;

21 (II) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LETHALITY ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED
22 BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR
23 YEAR; AND

24 (III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LETHALITY ASSESSMENTS THAT
25 RESULTED IN IDENTIFICATION OF A HIGH-RISK VICTIM."

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