

CHAPTER 319

COURTS

HOUSE BILL 06-1169

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Decker, Cloer, Harvey, Todd, Berens, Carroll M., Frangas, Paccione, McGihon, and Stafford;
also SENATOR(S) Bacon, and Boyd.

AN ACT

CONCERNING PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION IN DOMESTIC CASE FILINGS THAT ARE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC.

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

SECTION 1. 13-3-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

13-3-101. State court administrator - repeal. (8) (a) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL CONVENE A COMMITTEE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEWS MEDIA, ATTORNEYS WHO PRACTICE FAMILY LAW, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COURTS, TO IDENTIFY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS PERTAINING TO DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE ACTIONS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER ISSUES, WHICH INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PROTECTION OF LITIGANTS FROM IDENTITY THEFT, LIMITATIONS OF DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL RECORDS AND RECORDS THAT COULD ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT AND OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION. THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL REPORT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2006.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 2, 2006

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.