

**HB 1898-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the criminal justice training commission to: (1) Include in its training session on investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases a reference to the possibility that a court may allow children under the age of fourteen to testify in a room outside the presence of the defendant and the jury; and

(2) Annually survey law enforcement and prosecuting agencies regarding, with respect to the preceding year: (a) The frequency of cases where children under the age of fourteen have elected not to testify, including the reasons for the election not to testify; (b) the number of cases where remote testimony was used and whether those cases resulted in conviction; and (c) the total number of child sexual abuse cases referred for prosecution and the number of those cases that were prosecuted.