

5627-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Esser and Kastama)

Brief Description: Allowing confessions and other admissions to be admitted into evidence if substantial independent evidence establishes the trustworthiness of the statement.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/03)

Provides that, in criminal and juvenile offense proceedings where independent proof of the corpus delicti is absent, and the alleged victim of the crime is incompetent to testify or is otherwise legally unavailable to testify, a lawfully obtained and otherwise admissible confession, admission, or other statement of the defendant shall be admissible into evidence if there is substantial independent evidence that would tend to establish the trustworthiness of the confession, admission, or other statement of the defendant.