

**NOTE: This bill has been prepared for the signatures of the appropriate legislative officers and the Governor. To determine whether the Governor has signed the bill or taken other action on it, please consult the legislative status sheet, the legislative history, or the Session Laws.**

# An Act

SENATE BILL 18-169

BY SENATOR(S) Gardner, Aguilar, Cooke, Fields, Garcia, Jahn, Kefalas, Martinez Humenik, Moreno, Priola, Tate, Grantham;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Carver, Exum, Hansen, Herod, Lee, Liston, Salazar, Duran.

CONCERNING OFFENSES AGAINST WITNESSES IN NONCRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-704, **amend** (1) introductory portion as follows:

**18-8-704. Intimidating a witness or victim.** (1) A person commits intimidating a witness or victim if, by use of a threat, act of harassment as defined in section 18-9-111, or act of harm or injury to any person or property directed to or committed upon a witness ~~or~~ IN ANY CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING; a victim ~~to~~ OF any crime; a person he or she believes has been or is to be called or who would have been called to testify as a witness IN ANY CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING or a victim OF ANY CRIME; a member of the witness' family; a member of the victim's family; a person in close relationship to the witness or victim; a person residing in the same household with the witness or victim; or any person who has reported a

---

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

crime or who may be called to testify as a witness to or victim of any crime, he or she intentionally attempts to or does:

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-706, **amend** (1) as follows:

**18-8-706. Retaliation against a witness or victim.** (1) An individual commits retaliation against a witness or victim if such person uses a threat, act of harassment as defined in section 18-9-111, or act of harm or injury upon any person or property, which action is directed to or committed upon a witness ~~or~~ IN ANY CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING; a victim ~~to~~ OF any crime; an individual whom the person believes has been or would have been called to testify as a witness IN ANY CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING or A victim OF ANY CRIME; a member of the witness' family; a member of the victim's family; an individual in close relationship to the witness or victim; an individual residing in the same household with the witness or victim, as retaliation or retribution against such witness or victim.

**SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 4. 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.

---

Kevin J. Grantham  
PRESIDENT OF  
THE SENATE

---

Crisanta Duran  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

---

Effie Ameen  
SECRETARY OF  
THE SENATE

---

Marilyn Eddins  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

---

John W. Hickenlooper  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO