

## CHAPTER 98-96

### Senate Bill No. 526

An act relating to protective services for victims and witnesses; amending s. 914.25, F.S.; redefining the term “serious felony offense” to include an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit certain offenses for purposes of provisions that authorize law enforcement agencies to protect victims and witnesses who are at risk of harm; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 914.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

914.25 Protective services for certain victims and witnesses.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) A “Victim or witness at risk of harm” means a victim or witness who, as a result of cooperating in an investigation or prosecution of a serious felony offense, has been subjected to violence or other forms of intimidation, or who is the subject of a substantial threat to commit violence. The term also includes a member of the victim’s or witness’s immediate family.

(b) “Serious felony offense” means one of the following offenses, including an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit one of the following offenses: murder, manslaughter, sexual battery, aggravated stalking, aggravated battery, carjacking, home invasion robbery, burglary, arson, robbery, kidnapping, racketeering, or trafficking in a controlled substance.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor’s approval May 22, 1998.

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