

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 778
SPONSOR: Senator Rossin
SUBJECT: Lawyer Assistance Programs
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Judiciary
DATE: May 1, 2001

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 525319 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1

Amends section 4 of the bill to provide that all information furnished to a lawyer assistance program that is covered by an evidentiary privilege will remain privileged even with the changes provided in this bill.

Amends section 5 of the bill to narrow the scope of what constitutes confidential records to those records arising from contact between a person seeking assistance and the lawyer assistance program.