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Senate Bill 196 Printer's No. 185

Prime Sponsor: Hughes
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to allow a judge to order an electronic monitoring device to be worn by a defendant in a protection from abuse (PFA) order.

SUMMARY:

Amends the general rule regarding conditions that a judge may impose when granting a PFA order to include requiring an electronic monitoring device be placed on the defendant if the defendant is found to present a substantial risk of violating the final PFA order or committing a crime against the victim punishable by imprisonment.

The following conditions would apply to the electronic monitoring device:

- the device shall monitor the defendant's location relative to all persons protected by the PFA,
- the court shall determine the distance the defendant is to remain from said persons, and
- the device shall be worn at all times during the period of time that the PFA applies unless the court orders the device to be removed after a showing of "good cause" and notification has been made to all persons protected by the PFA.

Effective date: 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

- Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary on 1/26/2017.

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