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Lanane bill to improve safety for victims of violent crime heads to governor's office

INDIANAPOLIS –Today the Indiana Senate and Indiana House of Representatives gave final approval to legislation that would help keep violent offenders from being able to contact their victims. House Bill (HB) 1234, sponsored by State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson), was approved by a vote of 48 to 2 in the Senate and a vote of 94 to 0 in the House.

House Bill 1234, authored by State Representative Scott Reske (D-Pendleton), would expedite the issuance of the no contact order after an arrest in the investigation of a violent crime. The change will prevent a defendant charged with a violent crime from any direct or indirect contact with the victim for up to 10 days following the defendant's release on bail. The bill also states that a court may require a person charged with domestic battery to wear a GPS tracking device as a condition of bail. Following a court hearing, the period may be extended.

"I applaud Rep. Reske for his hard work in helping protect victims of violent crime," said Sen. Lanane. "As the senate sponsor, I have worked closely with Rep. Reske to make sure we have crafted a law that effectively achieves this goal."

The legislation also provides that a person ordinarily approved by statute to make final arrangements for a decedent may not do so if, before death, a protective order existed between the decedent and the person.

The bill will now move to the governor for final action. The governor can sign the bill into law, allow it to become law without his signature or veto it.

For more information on Sen. Lanane and updates on his activities in the Senate or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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