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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES (Sponsor), BOYKINS, HUBBARD, LeVOTA, PARKER, DAUS, WRIGHT-JONES, HOSKINS, WILDBERGER, RUCKER, BLAND, BROWN (50), PRATT, CHAPPELLE-NADAL, STORCH, SANDERS BROOKS, VILLA, JETTON, DEMPSEY, COOPER (120), SUTHERLAND AND HUNTER (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 595, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the rights of victims of sexual offenses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 595, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 595.211, to read as follows:

595.211. 1. The victim of any sexual offense under chapter 566, 568, or 573, RSMo, regardless of age or sex shall have a right to have their name redacted from any court records of the criminal case in which they are a victim prior to such records being made available to any person other than those listed in subsection 3 of this section.

2. The court in any criminal case involving a sexual offense shall enter a standing order that the victim's name be redacted from all court records and replaced with the name Jane Doe for female victims or John Doe for male victims, prior to the release of any such records to any person not listed in subsection 3 of this section.

3. The only persons who shall have access to the victims' actual name pursuant to the provisions of this section are law enforcement officers, prosecuting or circuit attorneys and their staff members, and the defendant's attorneys and their staff members.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.