

HB 1857 -- CHILD VICTIM TESTIMONY

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Currently, if the court finds that significant emotional or psychological trauma to a child victim will result in his or her testifying in the presence of the defendant, the court may order an in-camera video-taped deposition of the testimony of the child victim be made for substantive use at preliminary hearings and trials.

This bill allows the court to order that an alleged child victim may testify in court proceedings via live, closed-circuit video from a different location than the defendant if there is any possibility that any level of trauma would result from the child testifying in the presence of the defendant.