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BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 141
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Simpson” and substitute “, Simpson, Arikan, Conaway, Grammer, Kaufman, Phillips, Taylor, and Schmidt”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Abuse Victim” and substitute “Victims”; strike beginning with “Taken” in line 2 down through “Courtroom” in line 3 and substitute “in Child Abuse Cases”; and strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “testimony” in line 11 and substitute “altering a certain requirement under which a court is authorized to order that the testimony of a child victim be taken outside a courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television in certain child abuse cases; and generally relating to testimony of child victims”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 21, after “(a)” insert “(1)”; and after line 22, insert:

“(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF A DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT IS WITHOUT COUNSEL.”

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “(1)” in line 23 on page 1 down through “(C)” in line 8 on page 2.

On page 2, strike beginning with “WHO” in line 8 down through “OLD” in line 9; in lines 12 and 17, in each instance, strike “victim’s” and substitute “VICTIM”; in line 13, strike “such that the child victim cannot reasonably communicate”; in lines 15, 16, and 34, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 15, strike “(D)”; in the same line, strike “UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION”; in line 16, strike “A”; in the

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same line, strike “**WHO IS AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD**”; in line 17, strike “such”; in line 18, strike “that the child cannot reasonably communicate”; and in line 34, strike “**(E)**”.

On page 3, in line 11, strike “The” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE**”; in line 19, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “**(F)**” in line 19 down through the period in line 20; in line 21, strike “**(G)**”; in line 24, strike “**(H)**” and substitute “**(F)**”; and in the same line, strike “This section does not allow” and substitute “**UNDER THIS SECTION, A COURT MAY NOT ORDER**”.