

# Senate Study Bill 1050

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [236.2](#), subsection 2, Code 2001, is  
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. The assault is between persons who are  
1 4 in an intimate relationship or have been in an intimate  
1 5 relationship and have had contact within the past year of the  
1 6 assault. In determining whether persons are or have been in  
1 7 an intimate relationship, the court may consider the following  
1 8 nonexclusive list of factors:

- 1 9 (1) The duration of the relationship.
- 1 10 (2) The frequency of interaction.
- 1 11 (3) Whether the relationship has been terminated.
- 1 12 (4) The nature of the relationship, characterized by

1 13 either party's expectation of sexual or romantic involvement.  
1 14 A person may be involved in an intimate relationship with  
1 15 more than one person at a time.

1 16 Sec. 2. Section [236.2](#), Code 2001, is amended by adding the  
1 17 following new subsection:

1 18 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "Intimate relationship" means a  
1 19 significant romantic involvement that need not include sexual  
1 20 involvement. An intimate relationship does not include casual  
1 21 social relationships or associations in a business or  
1 22 professional capacity.

1 23 EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill amends Code section 236.2 to provide protection  
1 25 from domestic abuse for persons who are in an intimate  
1 26 relationship or have been in an intimate relationship and have  
1 27 had contact within the past year of the assault. Current law  
1 28 provides protection from domestic abuse for persons who are  
1 29 married or have been married and who are not currently living  
1 30 together, for persons who are the parents of the same minor  
1 31 child, regardless of whether they have been married or have  
1 32 ever lived together, and for family or household members 18 or  
1 33 older who are currently living together or who are not  
1 34 currently living together but who have lived together within  
1 35 the past year.

2 1 The bill defines intimate relationship for the purposes of  
2 2 Code section 236.2 as a significant romantic involvement which  
2 3 need not include sexual involvement.

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