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Lanane sponsors bill to improve safety for victims of violent crime *A unanimous vote sends the bill to senate floor for full consideration*

INDIANAPOLIS –Legislation sponsored by State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson), and recommended unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee, will help keep violent offenders from being able to contact their victims.

House Bill 1234, which was authored by Representative Scott Reske (D-Pendleton), requires a court to include, as a condition of bail, the requirement that a defendant charged with a violent crime and who has been released on bail refrain from any direct or indirect contact with the victim for at least 10 days following the defendant's release.

"Automatically issuing a no contact order in certain circumstances provides additional time to the cooling off period and sends the message that violent offenses are not taken lightly by the courts," said Sen. Lanane.

The proposed legislation would also reduce the time between when the crime takes place and when the no contact order is issued, which would prevent the accused from committing another crime against the victim.

House Bill 1234 will now go before the full Senate for further consideration.

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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