



**House  
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**CHILD'S NAME CHANGE: EXPAND  
ALLOWABLE CIRCUMSTANCES**

**House Bill 6082**

**Sponsor: Rep. Penny Crissman**

**Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights**

**Complete to 11-19-96**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6082 AS INTRODUCED 9-12-96**

The bill would amend the chapter of the probate code relating to the changing of person's names. Generally, a minor may only change his or her name with the consent of his or her parents. However, under certain circumstances a child may change his or her name with the consent of only one parent. Currently, a minor only needs the consent of one parent to change his or her name if the other parent failed to provide regular support or failed to comply with court ordered support for a period of two or more years and also failed to visit, contact or communicate with the child for a like period of time. The bill would add an additional circumstance under which a child could change his or her name with the consent of only one parent. If one parent had been convicted of child abuse, first, second, third or fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, or assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct and the child or one of the child's brothers or sisters had been the victim of the other parent's crime, the consent of the other parent would be sufficient to allow the child's name to be changed.

House Bill 6082 (11-19-96)

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