

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 13 – GREENVILLE, SPARTANBURG, UNION

EXPANDING/ENHANCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING EFFORTS

Would you support efforts to enhance/expand methods for reporting in South Carolina?

SUPPORT FOR GOING BEYOND CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE

Would you support the creation of a statewide plan to effectively address the issues of domestic and sexual violence beyond the criminal justice response?

INCREASED FOCUS ON PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Do you believe our state needs to increase its focus on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence?

SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Would you support additional state funding be allocated to victim service providers?

Do you believe additional federal funding should be allocated to victim service providers?

UNANSWERED

Shane Martin, Republican

N/A

Unopposed

"You may know that 2nd degree CDV is defined as ""A person commits the offense of domestic violence in the second degree if the person violates subsection (A) and: (1) moderate bodily injury to the person's own household member results or the act is accomplished by means likely to result in moderate bodily injury to the person's own household member; (2) the person violates a protection order and in the process of violating the order commits domestic violence in the third degree; (3) the person has one prior conviction for domestic violence in the past ten years from the current offense; or (4) in the process of committing domestic violence in the third degree one of the following also results: (a) the offense is committed in the presence of, or while being perceived by, a minor; (b) the offense is committed against a person known, or who reasonably should have been known, by the offender to be pregnant; (c) the

offense is committed during the commission of a robbery, burglary, kidnapping, or theft; (d) the offense is committed by impeding the victim's breathing or air flow; or (e) the offense is committed using physical force or the threatened use of force against another to block that person's access to any cell phone, telephone, or electronic communication device with the purpose of preventing, obstructing, or interfering with: (i) the report of any criminal offense, bodily injury, or property damage to a law enforcement agency; or (ii) a request for an ambulance or emergency medical assistance to any law enforcement agency or emergency medical provider.""

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QUESTIONNAIRE**



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You also may know that the actions described above are a misdemeanor in SC. You may not know that I offered an amendment in the Senate in 2015 to make this offense a felony. Senate leadership used a procedural maneuver to rule it out of order, and not one member from either party stood up to object. I don't necessarily disagree to any of the proposals in your survey, but none of them will make a real difference in this type of crime. I think people who beat their spouse should be locked up. Please contact me when that becomes an action item for your group and I will be glad to assist." – S. Martin