BILL 4: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2)

Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) Act amendments

Overview

Alberta's *Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) Act* gives people who feel at risk of domestic violence a way to get information about their partners to make informed decisions about their safety and relationships. To strengthen this program, Clare's Law requires amendments to clearly define the role and legal authorities of the Integrated Threat and Risk Assessment Centre's (ITRAC) to access information through police databases when preparing threat assessments on people who may pose a significant risk of domestic violence.

ITRAC currently faces challenges due to unclear legal authority and outdated agreements, which can delay access to critical information – especially as demand for its services continues to grow. The program also relies on external agencies to carry out key actions, such as police meeting with persons at risk to provide disclosures authorized under Clare's Law.

Strengthening information-sharing rules

Bill 4: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) proposes changes that would strengthen information-sharing rules, help avoid delays and ensure more complete and reliable threat assessments. These updates would help keep Albertans safer by making it easier for police and partners to share the information needed to protect those at risk of domestic violence.

If passed, proposed amendments would:

- Provide ITRAC with clear legal authority to access and disclose necessary information to avoid delays in completing threat assessments.
- Establish a legal foundation for ITRAC under Clare's Law to reduce risks and streamline access to information and processes.

Address operational delays, liability concerns and uncertainty among law enforcement partners regarding information sharing.

