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Abstract: Authorizes parties to provide evidence of compromise to a jury for the purpose of showing the reason a party is not a defendant at trial.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits the admission of certain evidence of offering or accepting anything of value to compromise a claim, but <u>present law</u> provides exceptions allowing admissibility of such evidence for other purposes, such as proving bias or prejudice.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that such evidence may be admissible to a jury for the reason of explaining a party's absence as a defendant.

(Amends C.E. Art. 408(A))