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Present law provides for the following responsive verdicts when the indictment charges the following offenses:

- (1) First Degree Murder:  
Guilty.  
Guilty of second degree murder.  
Guilty of manslaughter.  
Not guilty.
- (2) Second Degree Murder:  
Guilty.  
Guilty of manslaughter.  
Guilty of negligent homicide.  
Not guilty.
- (3) Manslaughter:  
Guilty.  
Guilty of negligent homicide.  
Not guilty.
- (4) Negligent homicide:  
Guilty.  
Not guilty.

Proposed law, in addition to the current responsive verdicts, adds the following responsive verdicts to the following offenses.

- (1) First Degree Murder:  
Guilty of attempted first degree murder.  
Guilty of attempted second degree murder.  
Guilty of attempted manslaughter.
- (2) Second Degree Murder:  
Guilty of attempted second degree murder.  
Guilty of attempted manslaughter.

- (3) Manslaughter:  
Guilty of attempted manslaughter.

Proposed law further removes the responsive verdict of "guilty of negligent homicide" from the offenses of second degree murder and manslaughter.

Proposed law repeals the responsive verdict provisions for the offense of negligent homicide.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(1), (3), and (5); repeals C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(7))