

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 SB2735

Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 120/4

from Ch. 38, par. 1404

Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the rights of crime victims.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:
- 6 (725 ILCS 120/4) (from Ch. 38, par. 1404)
- 7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 95-591)
- 8 Sec. 4. Rights of crime victims.
- 9 (a) Crime victims shall have <u>the</u> following rights:
- 10 (1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect
  11 for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal
  12 justice process.
  - (2) The right to notification of court proceedings.
  - (3) The right to communicate with the prosecution.
  - (4) The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.
    - (5) The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the accused.
      - (6) The right to the timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
  - (7) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused through the criminal justice process.
- 23 (8) The right to be present at the trial and all other

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- court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless
  the victim is to testify and the court determines that the
  victim's testimony would be materially affected if the
  victim hears other testimony at the trial.
  - (9) the right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate or other support person of the victim's choice.
    - (10) The right to restitution.
  - (b) A statement and explanation of the rights of crime victims set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section shall be given to a crime victim at the initial contact with the criminal justice system by the appropriate authorities and shall be conspicuously posted in all court facilities.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 87-224; 88-489.)
- 15 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 95-591)
- Sec. 4. Rights of crime victims.
- 17 (a) Crime victims shall have the the following rights:
- 18 (1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect
  19 for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal
  20 justice process.
  - (2) The right to notification of court proceedings.
  - (3) The right to communicate with the prosecution.
  - (4) The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.
- 25 (5) The right to information about the conviction,

- 1 sentence, imprisonment and release of the accused.
  - (6) The right to the timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
    - (7) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused through the criminal justice process.
    - (8) The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.
    - (9) the right to have present at all court proceedings, including proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, subject to the admonition of the rules of confidentiality and subject to the rules of evidence, a victim-witness specialist, an advocate or other support person of the victim's choice.
      - (10) The right to restitution.
    - (b) A statement and explanation of the rights of crime victims set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section shall be given to a crime victim at the initial contact with the criminal justice system by the appropriate authorities and shall be conspicuously posted in all court facilities.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 95-591, eff. 6-1-08.)
- Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text

- 1 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
- 2 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
- 3 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
- 4 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
- 5 Public Act.