
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 186 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HACKETT, STEPHENS, KOTIK, BAKER, SACCONI, DIAMOND,
TOEPEL, KILLION, MILLARD, D. COSTA, LONGIETTI, GRELL, MURT,
CALTAGIRONE, GODSHALL, KAUFFMAN, M. K. KELLER, MARSICO,
LAWRENCE AND A. HARRIS, JANUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals,"
7 further providing for victims' rights.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 201(12) of the act of November 24, 1998
11 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, amended June
12 28, 2002 (P.L.496, No.85), is amended and the section is amended
13 by adding a paragraph to read:

14 Section 201. Rights.

15 Victims of crime have the following rights:

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17 (2.1) To not be excluded from any criminal proceeding
18 unless the court, based on the record before it, determines
19 that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if

1 the victim heard other testimony at the proceeding. Before
2 making a determination, the court shall make every effort to
3 permit the fullest attendance possible by the victim and
4 shall consider reasonable alternatives to the exclusion of
5 the victim. The reason for any exclusion shall be clearly
6 stated on the record.

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8 (12) To be notified of the details of the final
9 disposition of the case of a juvenile consistent with 42
10 Pa.C.S. § 6336(f) [(relating to conduct of hearings)].

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.