



April 22, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a victims of traumatic crime study committee, composed of 10 members, to study the effects victims suffer as a result of crimes which do not involve physical harm. Outlines the parameters of study and hearings for the committee. Requires the committee to submit a report of its findings on or before March 1, 2022.

Expands the victims, from victims of violent crime involving serious bodily injury or death of a relative to all victims of crime, eligible, upon request, to be supplied information and a request form explaining how the victim may request and secure notification of the release from custody of an offender from jail or detention facility prior to trial.

Requires a defendant, or anyone acting on behalf of the defendant, who is being prosecuted for a criminal offense involving a victim, to present a written form to such victim detailing outlined information on the rights of the victim prior to any communication.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$7,500/FY21-22

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007467): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are to: (1) remove the creation of a victims of traumatic crime study committee; (2) remove the requirement that prevents a victim of a crime from being questioned at any hearing related to the criminal prosecution about the victim's refusal of a request by the defendant or his or her representative for an interview or other communication with the victim; and (3) revise the manner, from the presentation of a printed form to communicate, in which a defendant or his or her representative is required to relay outlined information on the rights of the victim prior to any communication.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Any impact to the Victim Notification Fund to provide notification to additional victims under the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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