



## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 146

March 13, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, A. WILLIAMS, BERCEAU and TURNER, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, LEHMAN and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 950.04 (1v) (g), 950.08 (2g) (c) and 972.14 (3) (b) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** notice to a victim of the right to make a statement at sentencing  
3             or disposition.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a victim of a crime of which a person is convicted or any other crime to be considered by the court at sentencing has the right to make or provide a statement before the court imposes the sentence. Current law also requires the prosecutor to make a reasonable attempt to contact any known victim to inform him or her of that right.

This bill revises the prosecutor's obligation to provide a known victim notice of his or her right to make a statement with respect to the time at which that obligation must be met. Specifically, the bill eliminates the requirement that the notice be provided after a conviction. Thus, under the bill, the prosecutor may provide the victim notice of his or her right at any time during the proceedings.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 950.04 (1v) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

