

Subject Updating various victim notification requirements

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Overview

Peace officers and prosecutors must provide victims with notice of their rights and of available resources. This bill modifies the existing notice requirements to add clarity and conform with other recent changes. It also expands certain notice requirements to apply to victims of a person who violated a protective order.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Notification of victim services and victim’s rights.</p> <p>Makes clarifying, technical, and conforming changes in the statute requiring that victims receive notice of certain rights. Authorizes certain notifications to be provided in an electronic form, updates references to the Minnesota Crime Victims Reimbursement Program, specifies that notice about the right to reimbursement must include information on how to apply, clarifies the right of victims to be notified when an offender is charged, and specifies that notice to certain victims must include specific resources. Clarifies that the notice provided when an offender is a juvenile is supplemental to other notices.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Victim notification; domestic assault; criminal sexual conduct; harassment; stalking.</p> <p>Includes violations of orders for protection, domestic abuse no contact orders, and harassment restraining orders in the list of offenses that require prosecutors to provide victims with additional notifications if a prosecutor declines to charge the offense or dismisses the charge.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Notice of rights.</p> <p>Clarifies that peace officers must orally tell certain victims about shelters and other services in addition to providing written notice. Amends the written notice that informs certain victims of the right to seek an order for protection.</p> |

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| 4 | <p>Use of existing supply.</p> <p>Authorizes law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to exhaust the supply of existing notices before producing materials that comply with the updated requirements relating to victim notification.</p> |
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