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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires that persons seeking expungement of a crime list the victims in the petition and notify the victims of the crime of the expungement proceedings. The bill also permits the victims to submit statements regarding the petition.

Section

1 **Contents of petition for expungement.** Amends § 609A.03, subdivision 2, which sets forth the required contents of a petition for expungement, to require inclusion of victims' names in the petition.

2 **Service of petition.** Amends § 609A.03, subdivision 3, which currently identifies who must be served with the petition, to require service of the petition on all victims of the crime sought to be expunged, if the victims can be located with reasonable efforts.

3 **Victim statement**. Amends § 609.03, subdivision 4, which currently provides a petitioner with a hearing. Permits victims to submit a statement concerning the victims' reaction to the petition.

4 **Effective date.** August 1, 2001.