

Subject Establishing a consistent definition of “victim,” making certain victim data private, and amending offsets for the reimbursement of victims

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Overview

This bill establishes a uniform definition of “victim” in statutes addressing the rights of victims. It also makes certain data related to reimbursement for the costs of sexual assault exams private and removes donations and gifts from the list of items that can be deducted from reimbursement paid to a victim of a crime under the Crime Victims Reimbursement Act.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Victim’s rights.
Amends the definition of “victim” in the section of law requiring the commissioner of corrections to notify victims of parole review hearings to make the definition consistent with the victims’ rights statutes. |
| 2 | Victim notification or petition and release; right to submit statement.
Amends the definition of “victim” in the section of law related to notification of a victim of a petition to commit a person as mentally ill and dangerous or of the release of such a person to make the definition consistent with the victims’ rights statutes. |
| 3 | Definitions.
Amends the definition of “victim” in the section of law requiring notification of a victim of a petition to civilly commit a person for sex offender treatment or of the release of such a person to make the definition consistent with the victims’ rights statutes. |
| 4 | Costs of medical examination.
Classifies data related to a request for reimbursement for a sexual assault examination as private data on individuals. |

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5	Notice required. Eliminates language in section of law addressing notice in the victims' rights chapter that is inconsistent with the definition of "victim" that applies to the statute. Clarifies that the general definition applies to this section.
6	Collateral source. Removes voluntary gifts and donations from the category of benefits paid or given to a victim that can be considered a collateral source for purposes of receiving payment under the Crime Victims Reimbursement Act.
7	Victim. Amends the definition of "victim" in the Crime Victim Oversight Act to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes.
8	Definitions. Defines "victim" for purposes of the statute addressing the arrest of certain persons suspected of committing an offense involving domestic violence, setting bail for those individuals, and authorizing no contact orders.
9	Notice to victim regarding bail hearing. Makes a conforming change related to the amended definition of "victim."
10	Notice to victim regarding bail hearings of arrested or detained person. Defines the term "victim" for purposes of the statute to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes and makes conforming changes.
11	Oral notice. Defines the term "victim" for purposes of the statute to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes and makes conforming changes.



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