

**Subject** Modifying provisions related to crime victims

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## Overview

This is a bill that contains changes related to victims of crime. It limits when a victim can be identified in certain filings, expands the information that must be provided to victims, and clarifies the process for allowing victims to provide statements at the time of a plea or sentencing hearing.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Petition; contents; fee.</b></p> <p>Amends the information that must be included in a prosecutor's petition for a prosecutor-initiated sentencing adjustment to replace a requirement that the prosecutor provide the names of any victims with a requirement that the prosecutor identify the number of victims, if any.</p>
2	<p><b>Records pertaining to victim identity confidential.</b></p> <p>Adds the offense of use of minors in sexual performance to the list of offenses for which the victim's identity must not be revealed in a petition, complaint, or indictment unless ordered by the court.</p>
3	<p><b>Plea agreements; notification of victim.</b></p> <p>Clarifies that a victim has the right to object to a plea agreement at the plea hearing and that the victim has a right to be present at both a plea hearing and a sentencing hearing. Requires the court to notify a victim when an offense dismissed as part of a plea agreement will be eligible for automatic expungement.</p>
4	<p><b>Plea hearing.</b></p> <p>Requires a court to ask a prosecutor during a plea hearing if a victim has been notified of a plea agreement and the plea hearing, and if the victim wishes to express any objection to the plea agreement.</p>

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5	<b>Definition.</b> Amends the definition of “violent crime” used in the victims’ rights chapter to include stalking.
6	<b>Right to submit statement at sentencing.</b> Clarifies that a prosecutor’s designee can present a victim’s statement to the court. Requires a court to ask a prosecutor during a sentencing hearing if a victim has been notified of the hearing and if the victim wishes to make or submit a statement.
7	<b>Notice required.</b> Adds a requirement to the notice prosecutors are required to give to victims after a conviction, acquittal, or dismissal in a criminal case that specifies prosecutors must provide information about charges that may be eligible for automatic expungement.



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