

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB5748

Introduced 11/16/2022, by Rep. Kambium Buckner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 5/112A-29 from Ch. 38, par. 112A-29
725 ILCS 120/4 from Ch. 38, par. 1404
725 ILCS 203/20
750 ILCS 60/303 from Ch. 40, par. 2313-3

Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. In provisions concerning the rights of crime victims, specifies that timely notification of all court proceedings requires notification at least 7 days prior to any court proceeding. Amends the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act. In provisions concerning reports by law enforcement officers, prohibits a law enforcement officer from discouraging or attempting to discourage a victim from filing a police report concerning sexual assault or sexual abuse. Amends the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 and the Protective Orders Article of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Prohibits a law enforcement officer from discouraging or attempting to discourage a victim from filing a police report concerning an incident of abuse. Prohibits a law enforcement officer from refusing to complete a required written report on any ground.

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1 AN ACT concerning victim rights.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is amended by changing Section 112A-29 as follows:
- 6 (725 ILCS 5/112A-29) (from Ch. 38, par. 112A-29)
- 7 Sec. 112A-29. Reports by law enforcement officers.
 - (a) Every law enforcement officer investigating an alleged incident of abuse between family or household members shall make a written police report of any bona fide allegation and the disposition of such investigation. The police report shall include the victim's statements as to the frequency and severity of prior incidents of abuse by the same family or household member and the number of prior calls for police assistance to prevent such further abuse.
 - (b) Every police report completed pursuant to this Section shall be recorded and compiled as a domestic crime within the meaning of Section 5.1 of the Criminal Identification Act.
 - (c) No law enforcement officer may refuse to complete a written report as required by this Section on any ground. No law enforcement officer shall discourage or attempt to discourage a victim from filing a police report concerning an incident of abuse.

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- 1 (Source: P.A. 87-1186.)
- 2 Section 10. The Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act
- 3 is amended by changing Sections 3 and 4 as follows:
- 4 (725 ILCS 120/4) (from Ch. 38, par. 1404)
- 5 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 101-652)
- 6 Sec. 4. Rights of crime victims.
- 7 (a) Crime victims shall have the following rights:
- 8 (1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect
 9 for their dignity and privacy and to be free from
 10 harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the
 11 criminal justice process.
 - (1.5) The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on a request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law.
 - (2) The right to timely notification of all court proceedings. <u>Timely notification requires notification at least 7 days prior to any court proceeding.</u>
 - (3) The right to communicate with the prosecution.
 - (4) The right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue and any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment release decision, plea, or sentencing.
 - (5) The right to be notified of the conviction, the

- sentence, the imprisonment and the release of the accused.
 - (6) The right to the timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
 - (7) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused through the criminal justice process.
 - (7.5) The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction.
 - (8) The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.
 - (9) The right to have present at all court proceedings, including proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate and other support person of the victim's choice.
 - (10) The right to restitution.
 - (b) Any law enforcement agency that investigates an offense committed in this State shall provide a crime victim with a written statement and explanation of the rights of crime victims under this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly within 48 hours of law enforcement's initial contact with a victim. The statement shall include information about

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crime victim compensation, including how to contact the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to file a claim, appropriate referrals to local and State programs that provide victim services. The content of the statement shall be provided to law enforcement by the Attorney General. Law enforcement shall also provide a crime victim with a sign-off the victim that shall sign and date sheet acknowledgement that he or she has been furnished with information and an explanation of the rights of crime victims and compensation set forth in this Act.

- (b-5) Upon the request of the victim, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall provide a free copy of the police report concerning the victim's incident, as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 5 business days from the request.
- (c) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall post the rights of crime victims set forth in Article I, Section 8.1(a) of the Illinois Constitution and subsection (a) of this Section within 3 feet of the door to any courtroom where criminal proceedings are conducted. The clerk may also post the rights in other locations in the courthouse.
- (d) At any point, the victim has the right to retain a victim's attorney who may be present during all stages of any interview, investigation, or other interaction with representatives of the criminal justice system. Treatment of the victim should not be affected or altered in any way as a

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- 1 result of the victim's decision to exercise this right.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 99-413, eff. 8-20-15; 100-1087, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 3 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 101-652)
- 4 Sec. 4. Rights of crime victims.
 - (a) Crime victims shall have the following rights:
 - (1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy and to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process.
 - (1.5) The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on a request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law.
 - (2) The right to timely notification of all court proceedings. <u>Timely notification requires notification at least 7 days prior to any court proceeding.</u>
 - (3) The right to communicate with the prosecution.
 - (4) The right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue and any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment release decision, plea, or sentencing.
 - (5) The right to be notified of the conviction, the sentence, the imprisonment and the release of the accused.
 - (6) The right to the timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.

- 1 (7) The right to be reasonably protected from the 2 accused through the criminal justice process.
 - (7.5) The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in determining whether to release the defendant and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction.
 - (8) The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.
 - (9) The right to have present at all court proceedings, including proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate and other support person of the victim's choice.
 - (10) The right to restitution.
 - (b) Any law enforcement agency that investigates an offense committed in this State shall provide a crime victim with a written statement and explanation of the rights of crime victims under this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly within 48 hours of law enforcement's initial contact with a victim. The statement shall include information about crime victim compensation, including how to contact the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to file a claim, and appropriate referrals to local and State programs that provide victim services. The content of the statement shall be

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- provided to law enforcement by the Attorney General. Law 1 2 enforcement shall also provide a crime victim with a sign-off shall 3 sheet that the victim sign and date as acknowledgement that he or she has been furnished with 5 information and an explanation of the rights of crime victims and compensation set forth in this Act. 6
 - (b-5) Upon the request of the victim, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall provide a free copy of the police report concerning the victim's incident, as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 5 business days from the request.
 - (c) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall post the rights of crime victims set forth in Article I, Section 8.1(a) of the Illinois Constitution and subsection (a) of this Section within 3 feet of the door to any courtroom where criminal proceedings are conducted. The clerk may also post the rights in other locations in the courthouse.
 - (d) At any point, the victim has the right to retain a victim's attorney who may be present during all stages of any interview, investigation, or other interaction with representatives of the criminal justice system. Treatment of the victim should not be affected or altered in any way as a result of the victim's decision to exercise this right.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-1087, eff. 1-1-19; 101-652, eff. 1-1-23.)
 - Section 15. The Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act is

- 1 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:
- 2 (725 ILCS 203/20)
- 3 Sec. 20. Reports by law enforcement officers.
- 4 (a) A law enforcement officer shall complete a written 5 police report upon receiving the following, regardless of 6 where the incident occurred:
- 7 (1) an allegation by a person that the person has been 8 sexually assaulted or sexually abused regardless of 9 jurisdiction;
- 10 (2) information from hospital or medical personnel 11 provided under Section 3.2 of the Criminal Identification 12 Act; or
- (3) information from a witness who personally observed what appeared to be a sexual assault or sexual abuse or attempted sexual assault or sexual abuse.
- 16 (b) The written report shall include the following, if known:
 - (1) the victim's name or other identifier;
- 19 (2) the victim's contact information;
- 20 (3) time, date, and location of offense;
- 21 (4) information provided by the victim;
- 22 (5) the suspect's description and name, if known;
- 23 (6) names of persons with information relevant to the 24 time before, during, or after the sexual assault or sexual 25 abuse, and their contact information;

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- (8) whether an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit was completed, the name and contact information for the hospital, and whether the victim consented to testing of the Evidence Collection Kit by law enforcement;
- (9) whether a urine or blood sample was collected and whether the victim consented to testing of a toxicology screen by law enforcement;
- (10) information the victim related to medical professionals during a medical forensic examination which the victim consented to disclosure to law enforcement; and
 - (11) other relevant information.
- (c) If the sexual assault or sexual abuse occurred in another jurisdiction, the law enforcement officer taking the report must submit the report to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in person or via fax or email within 24 hours of receiving information about the sexual assault or sexual abuse.
- (d) Within 24 hours of receiving a report from a law enforcement agency in another jurisdiction in accordance with subsection (c), the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall submit a written confirmation to the law enforcement

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- agency that wrote the report. The written confirmation shall contain the name and identifier of the person and confirming receipt of the report and a name and contact phone number that will be given to the victim. The written confirmation shall be
- 5 delivered in person or via fax or email.
- 6 (e) No law enforcement officer shall require a victim of sexual assault or sexual abuse to submit to an interview.
- 8 (f) No law enforcement agency may refuse to complete a
 9 written report as required by this Section on any ground. No
 10 law enforcement officer shall discourage or attempt to
 11 discourage a victim from filing a police report concerning
 12 sexual assault or sexual abuse.
 - (g) All law enforcement agencies shall ensure that all officers responding to or investigating a complaint of sexual assault or sexual abuse have successfully completed training under Section 10.21 of the Illinois Police Training Act and Section 2605-51 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- Section 20. The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 is amended by changing Section 303 as follows:
- 22 (750 ILCS 60/303) (from Ch. 40, par. 2313-3)
- Sec. 303. Reports by law enforcement officers.
- 24 (a) Every law enforcement officer investigating an alleged

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- incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation between family or 1 2 household members shall make a written police report of any 3 fide allegation and the disposition of bona investigation. The police report shall include the victim's 4 5 statements as to the frequency and severity of prior incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation by the same family or 6 household member and the number of prior calls for police 7 8 assistance to prevent such further abuse, neglect, or 9 exploitation.
- 10 (b) Every police report completed pursuant to this Section 11 shall be recorded and compiled as a domestic crime within the 12 meaning of Section 5.1 of the Criminal Identification Act.
 - (c) No law enforcement officer may refuse to complete a written report as required by this Section on any ground. No law enforcement officer shall discourage or attempt to discourage a victim from filing a police report concerning an incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 86-542; 87-1186.)

Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other Public Act.