



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB2079

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Cristina Castro

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 825/20 new

Amends the Voices of Immigrant Communities Empowering Survivors (VOICES) Act. Provides that if the Designated Certifying Official cannot determine that the requester is a victim of a qualifying criminal activity, the Designated Certifying Official shall provide written notice to the person or the person's representative explaining why the available evidence does not support a finding that the person is a victim of qualifying criminal activity. Provides that the Designated Certifying Official shall submit the notice to the address provided in the request and shall provide contact information should the requester desire to appeal the decision. Provides that the Designated Certifying Official shall accept all appeals and must respond to the appeals within 60 business days.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The Voices of Immigrant Communities Empowering  
5 Survivors (VOICES) Act is amended by adding Section 20 as  
6 follows:

7 (5 ILCS 825/20 new)

8 Sec. 20. . Denials. If the Designated Certifying Official  
9 cannot determine that the requester is a victim of a  
10 qualifying criminal activity, the Designated Certifying  
11 Official shall provide written notice to the person or the  
12 person's representative explaining why the available evidence  
13 does not support a finding that the person is a victim of  
14 qualifying criminal activity. The Designated Certifying  
15 Official shall submit the notice to the address provided in  
16 the request and shall provide contact information should the  
17 requester desire to appeal the decision. The Designated  
18 Certifying Official shall accept all appeals and must respond  
19 to the appeals within 60 business days.