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SENATE BILL 17-051

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

HOUSE
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SENATE
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The bill makes various amendments to statutes concerning the rights of crime victims, including the following:

The definition of "crime" is amended to include:

- ! Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in serious bodily injury of another person;
- ! Violation of a protection order issued against a person charged with stalking; and
- ! Posting a private image for harassment or for pecuniary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.

Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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The definition of "critical stages" is amended to include any full board review hearing.

The definition of "modification of sentence" is amended to include a resentencing following a probation revocation hearing or a request for early termination of probation.

The bill creates a victim's right:

- ! To be heard at any court proceeding at which the court considers a request for progression from a person accused or convicted of a crime against the victim and who is in the custody of the state mental health hospital. "Progression" includes off-grounds supervised or unsupervised privileges, community placement, conditional release, unconditional discharge, or a special furlough.
- ! To be informed of the results of a probation or parole revocation hearing; and
- ! To be informed of the governor's decision to commute or pardon a person convicted of a crime against the victim before such information is publicly disclosed.

The bill requires a district attorney's office, if practicable, to inform a victim of any pending motion to sequester the victim from a critical stage in the case.

Unless a victim requests otherwise, the district attorney shall inform each victim of the right to receive information from the state mental health hospital concerning the custody and release of a person convicted of a crime against the victim and ordered by a court into the hospital's care, including how the victim may request notification from the hospital.

Upon the written request of a victim, the Colorado mental health institute at Pueblo or the Colorado mental health institute at Fort Logan shall notify the victim of certain information regarding any person who was charged with or convicted of a crime against the victim.

The bill requires the juvenile parole board to report additional information concerning juvenile parole hearings.

The court shall inform the probation department before any hearing regarding any request by a probationer for early termination of probation or any change in the terms and conditions of probation.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302, **amend**

3 (1)(cc.6), (1)(hh), (2)(j.5), (2)(m), and (3.5); and **add** (1)(mm) as follows:

4 **24-4.1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, and for no other

1 purpose, including the expansion of the rights of any defendant:

2 (1) "Crime" means any of the following offenses, acts, and
3 violations as defined by the statutes of the state of Colorado, whether
4 committed by an adult or a juvenile:

5 (cc.6) Failure to stop at the scene of an accident, in violation of
6 section 42-4-1601, ~~C.R.S.~~, where the accident results in the death OR
7 SERIOUS BODILY INJURY of another person;

8 (hh) Violation of a protection order issued under section
9 18-1-1001 ~~C.R.S.~~, against a person charged with committing sexual
10 assault in violation of section 18-3-402, ~~C.R.S.~~; sexual assault on a child
11 in violation of section 18-3-405, ~~C.R.S.~~; sexual assault on a child by one
12 in a position of trust in violation of section 18-3-405.3, ~~C.R.S.~~; or sexual
13 assault on a client by a psychotherapist in violation of section 18-3-405.5,
14 ~~C.R.S.~~; OR STALKING IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-3-602;

15 (mm) POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION
16 OF SECTION 18-7-107 OR POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR PECUNIARY GAIN
17 IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-7-108.

18 (2) "Critical stages" means the following stages of the criminal
19 justice process:

20 (j.5) Any court-ordered modification of the terms and conditions
21 of probation as described in section 18-1.3-204 ~~C.R.S.~~ OR 19-2-925 and
22 as outlined in section 24-4.1-303 (13.5)(a);

23 (m) Any parole application hearing AND FULL PAROLE BOARD
24 REVIEW HEARING;

25 (3.5) "Modification of sentence" means an action taken by the
26 court to modify the length, terms, or conditions of an offender's sentence
27 pursuant to rule 35 (a) or (b) of the Colorado rules of criminal procedure;

1 A RESENTENCING FOLLOWING A PROBATION REVOCATION HEARING; OR A
2 REQUEST FOR EARLY TERMINATION OF PROBATION. AS USED IN THIS
3 SUBSECTION (3.5), "action taken by the court" includes an order by the
4 court modifying an offender's sentence upon review of the written motion
5 without a hearing but does not include an order denying a motion to
6 modify a sentence without a hearing.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302.5, **amend**
8 (1)(j); and **add** (1)(j.2), (1)(j.5)(III), (1)(j.5)(IV), (1)(j.5)(V), **____** (1)(q.5),
9 and (1)(aa) as follows:

10 **24-4.1-302.5. Rights afforded to victims - definitions.** (1) In
11 order to preserve and protect a victim's rights to justice and due process,
12 each victim of a crime has the following rights:

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14 (j) The right to be informed, upon written request from the victim,
15 of any proceeding at which any postconviction release from confinement
16 in a secure state correctional facility is being considered for any person
17 convicted of a crime against the victim and the right to be heard at any
18 such proceeding or to provide written information thereto. For purposes
19 of this subsection (1), "proceeding" means reconsideration of sentence,
20 a parole hearing, A FULL PAROLE BOARD REVIEW, commutation of
21 sentence, or consideration for placement in the specialized program
22 developed by the department of corrections pursuant to section
23 17-34-102. C.R.S.

24 (j.2) THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF ANY REQUEST FOR
25 PROGRESSION FROM THE STATE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL ON BEHALF OF
26 A PERSON IN ITS CUSTODY AS A RESULT OF A CRIMINAL CASE INVOLVING
27 THE VICTIM, AND THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD AT ANY HEARING DURING WHICH

1 A COURT CONSIDERS SUCH A REQUEST. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION
2 (1)(j.2), "REQUEST FOR PROGRESSION" INCLUDES ANY REQUEST FOR
3 OFF-GROUNDS OR UNSUPERVISED PRIVILEGES, COMMUNITY PLACEMENT,
4 CONDITIONAL RELEASE, UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE, OR A SPECIAL
5 FURLough.

6 (j.5) (III) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(j.5), IF A VICTIM
7 OR A VICTIM'S DESIGNEE IS UNAVAILABLE TO BE PRESENT FOR A
8 PROCEEDING TO CONSIDER AN OFFENDER FOR A DIRECT SENTENCE OR
9 TRANSITIONAL REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AS DESCRIBED IN
10 SUBSECTION (1)(j.5)(I) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM'S
11 DESIGNEE WISHES TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD,
12 THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM'S DESIGNEE SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY
13 CORRECTIONS BOARD WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME THAT THE VICTIM IS
14 UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE PROCEEDING BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
15 STATEMENT. WITHIN ITS RESOURCES, THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
16 BOARD SHALL ARRANGE FOR AND PROVIDE THE MEANS FOR THE VICTIM TO
17 ADDRESS THE BOARD, WHICH MEANS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE
18 LIMITED TO, APPEARING BY PHONE OR VIA SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY.

19 (IV) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(j.5), "UNAVAILABLE"
20 MEANS THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM'S DESIGNEE IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO
21 ATTEND THE PROCEEDING, MAY SUSTAIN A FINANCIAL HARSHSHIP TO
22 ATTEND THE PROCEEDING, IS CONCERNED FOR HIS OR HER SAFETY IF HE OR
23 SHE ATTENDS THE PROCEEDING, MAY SUFFER SIGNIFICANT EMOTIONAL
24 IMPACT BY ATTENDING THE PROCEEDING, OR IS UNAVAILABLE FOR OTHER
25 GOOD CAUSE.

26 (V) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(j.5) APPLIES TO A VICTIM WHO IS
27 INCARCERATED OR OTHERWISE BEING HELD IN A LOCAL COUNTY JAIL, THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, OR THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS
2 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BUT IS LIMITED TO
3 PARTICIPATION BY PHONE OR SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY.

4 (q.5) THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF A PROBATION
5 OR PAROLE REVOCATION HEARING;

6 (aa) THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO
7 COMMUTE OR PARDON A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME AGAINST THE
8 VICTIM BEFORE SUCH INFORMATION IS PUBLICLY DISCLOSED.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-303, **amend**
10 (9)(g), (10)(b)(III), (12)(f)(I), (12)(g), (12)(h), (13.5)(a)(III),
11 (13.5)(a)(IV), (13.5)(a)(V), (13.5)(a)(VIII), (13.5)(a)(IX), (14)(c), (14)(d),
12 (14)(h), (14.2) introductory portion, (14.2)(e), (14.2)(f), (14.2)(g),
13 (14.2)(h), (14.2)(i), and (14.3)(a); **repeal** (14)(f) and (14.2)(d); and **add**
14 (3.5), (12)(g.5), (12)(j), (14)(j), (14)(k), (14.1), (14.2)(j), and (14.5)(c) as
15 follows:

16 **24-4.1-303. Procedures for ensuring rights of victims of**
17 **crimes.** (3.5) THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, IF PRACTICABLE, SHALL
18 INFORM THE VICTIM OF ANY PENDING MOTION **OR DECISION BY THE**
19 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY** TO SEQUESTER THE VICTIM FROM A CRITICAL STAGE
20 IN THE CASE. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL INFORM THE COURT OF THE
21 VICTIM'S POSITION ON THE **MOTION OR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S**
22 **DECISION**, IF ANY. IF THE VICTIM HAS OBJECTED, THEN THE COURT, BEFORE
23 GRANTING THE SEQUESTRATION ORDER, SHALL STATE IN WRITING OR ON
24 THE RECORD THAT THE VICTIM'S OBJECTION WAS **CONSIDERED AND STATE**
25 **THE BASIS FOR THE COURT'S DECISION.**

26 (9) The district attorney and any law enforcement agency shall
27 inform each victim as to the availability of the following services:

4 (10) (b) As soon as available, the law enforcement agency shall
5 give to each victim, as appropriate, the following information:

12 (12) Unless a victim requests otherwise, the district attorney shall
13 inform each victim of the following:

14 (f) (I) The date, time, and location of any hearing for modification
15 of a sentence pursuant to rule 35 (a) or rule 35 (b) of the Colorado rules
16 of criminal procedure or any provision of state or federal law; EXCEPT
17 THAT A DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS NOT REQUIRED TO INFORM EACH VICTIM OF
18 A RESENTENCING FOLLOWING A PROBATION REVOCATION HEARING OR A
19 REQUEST FOR EARLY TERMINATION OF PROBATION. FOR BOTH PROBATION
20 REVOCATION HEARINGS AND REQUESTS FOR EARLY TERMINATION, IT IS
21 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY THE
22 VICTIM IF THE VICTIM HAS REQUESTED POST-SENTENCING NOTIFICATION.

1 (g.5) THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE STATE
2 MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL CONCERNING THE CUSTODY AND RELEASE OF
3 AN OFFENDER WHO WAS ORDERED BY A COURT INTO THE HOSPITAL'S
4 CUSTODY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (14.2) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING
5 HOW THE VICTIM MAY REQUEST NOTIFICATION FROM THE HOSPITAL.

12 (13.5)(a) Following a sentence to probation and upon the written
13 request of a victim, the probation department shall notify the victim of the
14 following information regarding any person who was charged with or
15 convicted of a crime against the victim:

1 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE VICTIM
2 REGARDING THE FILING OF OR RULING ON THE REQUEST.

3 (IV) Any probation revocation or modification hearing ~~regarding~~
4 ~~the person~~ AT WHICH THE PERSON'S SENTENCE MAY BE RECONSIDERED OR
5 MODIFIED and any changes in the scheduling of the hearings, INCLUDING
6 NOTIFICATION OF THE VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND HEARD AT THE
7 HEARING AND NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH A HEARING
8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4.1-302.5 (1)(d). IF A HEARING IS NOT
9 SCHEDULED AND THE COURT HAS REVIEWED A WRITTEN MOTION FOR
10 MODIFICATION OF SENTENCE AND IS CONSIDERING GRANTING ANY PART OF
11 THE MOTION WITHOUT A HEARING, THE COURT SHALL INFORM THE
12 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE
13 PROBATION DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY AND RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE
14 VICTIM TO GIVE TO THE COURT BEFORE THE COURT RULES ON THE MOTION.
15 IF THE COURT HAS REVIEWED AND DENIED THE WRITTEN MOTION WITHOUT
16 A HEARING, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY
17 THE VICTIM REGARDING THE FILING OF OR RULING ON THE MOTION.

18 (V) Any motion filed by the probation department requesting
19 permission from the court to modify the terms and conditions of probation
20 as described in section 18-1.3-204 ~~C.R.S.~~, OR 19-2-925 if the motion has
21 not been denied by the court without a hearing;

22 (VIII) Concerning domestic violence cases, any conduct by the
23 ~~defendant~~ PROBATIONER that results in an increase in the supervision level
24 by the probation department; and

25 (IX) Any court-ordered modification of the terms and conditions
26 of probation as described in section 18-1.3-204 ~~C.R.S.~~ OR 19-2-925.

27 (14) Upon receipt of a written victim impact statement as

1 provided in section 24-4.1-302.5 (1)(j.5), the department of corrections
2 shall include the statement with any referral made by the department of
3 corrections or a district court to place an offender in a public or private
4 community corrections facility or program. Upon written request of a
5 victim, the department of corrections or the public or private local
6 corrections authorities shall notify the victim of the following information
7 regarding any person who was charged with or convicted of a crime
8 against the victim:

9 (c) Any release of such person on furlough or work release or to
10 a community correctional facility or other program, OR STATUTORY
11 DISCHARGE in advance of such release;

12 (d) Any scheduled parole hearings OR FULL PAROLE BOARD
13 REVIEWS regarding such THE person and any changes in the scheduling of
14 such hearings, INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF THE VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE
15 PRESENT AND HEARD AT SUCH HEARINGS;

16 (f) Any decision by the parole board to release such person or any
17 decision by the governor to commute the sentence of such person or
18 pardon such person;

19 (h) The death of the person while in custody or while under the
20 jurisdiction of the state of Colorado concerning the crime; and

21 (i) ANY DECISION BY THE PAROLE BOARD AND ANY DECISION BY
22 THE GOVERNOR TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE OF THE PERSON OR PARDON
23 THE PERSON; AND

24 (k) THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A SCHEDULED EXECUTION.

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26 (14.1) UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF A VICTIM, THE COLORADO
27 MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT PUEBLO, OR THE COLORADO MENTAL

1 HEALTH INSTITUTE AT FORT LOGAN, AS MAY BE APPLICABLE, SHALL
2 NOTIFY THE VICTIM OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING ANY
3 PERSON WHO WAS CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME AGAINST THE
4 VICTIM:

5 (a) THE INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE PERSON RESIDES;

6 (b) ANY RELEASE OF THE PERSON ON FURLough OR OTHER
7 PROGRAM, IN ADVANCE OF SUCH RELEASE;

8 (c) ANY OTHER TRANSFER OR RELEASE FROM THE STATE HOSPITAL;

9 (d) ANY ESCAPE BY THE PERSON AND ANY SUBSEQUENT
10 RECAPTURE OF THE PERSON; AND

11 (e) THE DEATH OF THE PERSON WHILE IN CUSTODY OR WHILE
12 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE.

13 (14.2) Upon receipt of a written statement as provided in section
14 24-4.1-302.5 (1)(j.5), the department of human services, DIVISION OF
15 YOUTH CORRECTIONS, shall include the statement with any referral made
16 by the department of human services or a district court to place an
17 offender in a public or private community corrections facility or program.
18 Upon written request of the victim, the department of human services and
19 any state hospital shall notify the victim of the following information
20 regarding any person who was charged with or ~~convicted~~ ADJUDICATED
21 of a crime against the victim:

22 (d) ~~Any scheduled parole hearings regarding such person and any
23 changes in the scheduling of such hearings;~~

24 (e) Any escape by ~~such~~ THE person or transfer or release from any
25 state hospital, a detention facility, a correctional facility, a community
26 correctional facility, PAROLE SUPERVISION, or other program, and any
27 subsequent recapture of ~~such~~ THE person;

(f) Any decision by the parole board to release such person or any decision by the governor to commute the sentence of such THE person or pardon such THE person;

(g) The transfer to or placement in a nonsecured facility of a person ~~convicted~~ ADJUDICATED of a crime, any release or discharge from ~~confinement~~ THE SENTENCE of the person, and any conditions attached to the release;

(h) The death of ~~such~~ THE person while in custody or while under the jurisdiction of the state; of ~~Colorado~~; concerning the crime; and

(i) Any request by the department of human services to the juvenile court to modify the sentence to commitment and any decision by the juvenile court to modify the sentence to commitment; AND

(j) ANY PLACEMENT CHANGE THAT OCCURS DURING THE PERSON'S PAROLE THAT MAY AFFECT THE VICTIM'S SAFETY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS.

(14.3) Upon receipt of a written statement from the victim, the juvenile parole board shall notify the victim of the following information regarding any person who was charged with or ~~convicted~~ ADJUDICATED of an offense against the victim:

(a) Any scheduled juvenile parole hearings pursuant to sections 19-2-1002 and 19-2-1004 C.R.S., regarding the person, and any changes CHANGE in the scheduling of the hearings SUCH A HEARING in advance of the hearing, THE VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND HEARD AT SUCH HEARINGS, THE RESULTS OF ANY SUCH HEARING, ANY PAROLE DECISION TO RELEASE THE PERSON, AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY SUCH RELEASE:

(14.5)(c) THE COURT SHALL INFORM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

1 AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BEFORE ANY HEARING REGARDING
2 ANY REQUEST BY THE PROBATIONER FOR EARLY TERMINATION OF
3 PROBATION OR ANY CHANGE IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
4 PROBATION.

5 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
8 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
9 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
10 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
11 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
12 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
13 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
14 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.