

1 AN ACT in relation to crime victims.

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

4 Section 5. The Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses
5 Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 120/4) (from Ch. 38, par. 1404)

7 Sec. 4. Rights of crime victims.

8 (a) Crime victims shall have the following rights:

9 (1) The right to be treated with fairness and
10 respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the
11 criminal justice process.

12 (2) The right to notification of court proceedings.

13 (3) The right to communicate with the prosecution.

14 (4) The right to make a statement to the court at
15 sentencing.

16 (5) The right to information about the conviction,
17 sentence, imprisonment and release of the accused.

18 (6) The right to the timely disposition of the case
19 following the arrest of the accused.

20 (7) The right to be reasonably protected from the
21 accused through the criminal justice process.

22 (8) The right to be present at the trial and all
23 other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused,
24 unless the victim is to testify and the court determines
25 that the victim's testimony would be materially affected
26 if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.

27 (9) the right to have present at all court
28 proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an
29 advocate or other support person of the victim's choice.

30 (10) The right to restitution.

31 (b) A statement and explanation of the rights of crime

1 victims set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section must shall
2 be given to a crime victim at the initial contact with the
3 criminal justice system by the appropriate authorities and
4 shall be conspicuously posted in all court facilities.

5 (Source: P.A. 87-224; 88-489.)