

611A.02 NOTIFICATION OF VICTIM SERVICES AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS.

Subdivision 1. **Victim services.** The commissioner of corrections, in cooperation with the executive director of the Crime Victims Reparations Board, shall develop a plan to provide victims with information concerning victim services in the geographic area where the crime occurred. This information shall include, but need not be limited to, information about available victim crisis centers, programs for victims of sexual assault, victim witness programs, elderly victims projects, victim assistance hotlines, incest abuse programs, and domestic violence shelters and programs.

The plan shall take into account the fact that some counties currently have informational service systems and victim or witness services or programs.

This plan shall be presented to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature no later than February 1, 1984.

Subd. 2. **Victims' rights.** (a) The Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council shall develop two model notices of the rights of crime victims.

(b) The initial notice of the rights of crime victims must be distributed by a peace officer to each victim, as defined in section 611A.01, at the time of initial contact with the victim. The notice must inform a victim of:

(1) the victim's right to apply for reparations to cover losses, not including property losses, resulting from a violent crime and the telephone number to call to request an application;

(2) the victim's right to request that the law enforcement agency withhold public access to data revealing the victim's identity under section 13.82, subdivision 17, paragraph (d);

(3) the additional rights of domestic abuse victims as described in section 629.341;

(4) information on the nearest crime victim assistance program or resource; and

(5) the victim's rights, if an offender is charged, to be informed of and participate in the prosecution process, including the right to request restitution.

(c) A supplemental notice of the rights of crime victims must be distributed by the city or county attorney's office to each victim, within a reasonable time after the offender is charged or petitioned. This notice must inform a victim of all the rights of crime victims under this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Notice of rights of victims in juvenile court.** (a) The Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council shall develop a notice of the rights of victims in juvenile court that explains:

(1) the rights of victims in the juvenile court;

(2) when a juvenile matter is public;

- (3) the procedures to be followed in juvenile court proceedings; and
- (4) other relevant matters.

(b) The juvenile court shall distribute a copy of the notice to each victim of juvenile crime who attends a juvenile court proceeding, along with a notice of services for victims available in that judicial district.

History: 1983 c 262 art 1 s 2; 1988 c 649 s 2; 1991 c 170 s 3; 1992 c 464 art 1 s 50; 1993 c 326 art 6 s 7; 1994 c 576 s 53; 1999 c 227 s 22