

Amendment No. 01 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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The Committee on Judicial Oversight offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 960.0021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

960.0021 Legislative intent; advisement to victims.--

(1) The Legislature finds that in order to ensure that crime victims can effectively understand and exercise their rights, and in order to promote law enforcement that considers the interests of crime victims, victims must be properly advised in the courts of this state.

(2) Any judge who presides over a criminal docket at which accused persons are arraigned or sentenced, or when cases are considered for case management, shall announce the following advisement:

If you are the victim of a crime with a case pending before this court, you are advised that

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- 1 you have the right:
2 (1) To be informed.
3 (2) To be present.
4 (3) To be heard, when relevant, at all
5 crucial stages of criminal proceedings to the
6 extent that these rights do not interfere with
7 the constitutional rights of the accused.
8 (4) To receive advance notification, when
9 possible, of judicial proceedings and
10 notification of scheduling changes.
11 (5) To seek crimes compensation and
12 restitution.
13 (6) To consult with the state attorney's
14 office in certain felony cases regarding the
15 disposition of the case.
16 (7) To make an oral or written
17 victim-impact statement at the time of
18 sentencing of a defendant.

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20 For further information regarding additional
21 rights afforded to victims of crime, you may
22 contact the state attorney's office or obtain a
23 listing of your rights from the Clerk of Court.
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25 (3) This section is only for the benefit of crime
26 victims. Accordingly, a failure to comply with this section
27 shall not affect the validity of any hearing, conviction, or
28 sentence.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
30 law.
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1 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
2 And the title is amended as follows:
3 On page 1, line 6,
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5 after the semicolon insert:
6 providing that such advisement is only for the
7 benefit of crime victims; providing that
8 failure to provide such advisement shall not
9 affect the validity of any hearing, conviction,
10 or sentence;
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