

By Representative Gardiner

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to crime victims; creating s.  
3           960.0021, F.S.; providing legislative findings;  
4           providing for an advisement from the court to  
5           the victim of a crime with respect to the  
6           rights of victims; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

12           960.0021 Legislative intent; advisement to  
13 victims.--The Legislature finds that in order to ensure that  
14 crime victims can effectively understand and exercise their  
15 rights under s. 16, Art. I of the State Constitution, and to  
16 promote law enforcement that considers the interests of crime  
17 victims, victims must be properly advised in the courts of  
18 this state. Any judge who presides over a criminal docket at  
19 which accused persons are arraigned or sentenced, or when  
20 cases are considered for case management, shall announce the  
21 following advisement:

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23           If you are the victim of a crime with a case  
24 pending before this court, you are advised that  
25 you have the right:

26                   (1) To be informed.

27                   (2) To be present.

28                   (3) To be heard, when relevant, at all  
29 crucial stages of criminal proceedings to the  
30 extent that these rights do not interfere with  
31 the constitutional rights of the accused.

1           (4) To receive advance notification, when  
2           possible, of judicial proceedings and  
3           notification of scheduling changes, pursuant to  
4           section 960.001, Florida Statutes.

5           (5) To seek crimes compensation and  
6           restitution.

7           (6) To consult with the state attorney's  
8           office in certain felony cases regarding the  
9           disposition of the case.

10           (7) To make an oral or written  
11           victim-impact statement at the time of  
12           sentencing of a defendant.

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14           For further information regarding additional  
15           rights afforded to victims of crime, you may  
16           contact the state attorney's office or obtain a  
17           listing of your rights from the Clerk of Court.

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19           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law.

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23           HOUSE SUMMARY

24           Requires the court to advise crime victims of described  
25           victim rights. See bill for details.

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