
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, KINSEY, D. COSTA, THOMAS, DRISCOLL,
YOUNGBLOOD, SCHWEYER, McNEILL, COHEN, PHILLIPS-HILL, MILNE
AND WATSON, MAY 19, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 19, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals," in
7 miscellaneous provisions, providing for disclosure and
8 confidentiality of victims' records.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
12 known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by adding a section
13 to read:

14 Section 5101.1. Disclosure and confidentiality of victims'
15 records.

16 All records pertaining to a victim in the possession of or
17 maintained by the Office of Victim Advocate, including
18 information regarding a victim's current contact information and
19 any other information or record relating thereto, are the
20 property of the Office of Victim Advocate. The records shall be

1 kept confidential and shall not be subject to the provisions of
2 the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-
3 to-Know Law. Victim information and records relating to a victim
4 contained in the database or maintained in relation thereto may
5 be released by the Office of Victim Advocate to a State or local
6 government agency that has a duty or need to maintain contact
7 with the victim but shall not be disclosed to any other person
8 without the written consent of the victim.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.