

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1040 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, K. WARD, COSTA, PITTMAN, SCHWANK, MARTIN,
LAUGHLIN, ARGALL, GEBHARD, MASTRIANO, MENSCH, J. WARD AND
STEFANO, JANUARY 26, 2022

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 26, 2022

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 crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of
8 State and local law enforcement agencies.

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

11 Section 1. Section 212 of the act of November 24, 1998
12 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by
13 adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 212. Responsibilities of State and local law
15 enforcement agencies.

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17 (h) Release of identification.--

18 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), a law
19 enforcement agency shall make a reasonable effort to contact
20 a surviving family member of a direct victim of murder or

1 intervenor before publicly releasing the identification of
2 the direct victim or intervenor.

3 (2) A law enforcement agency may publicly release the
4 identification of a direct victim of murder or intervenor
5 without notification of the death to a surviving family
6 member if the release is necessary for the investigation of
7 the murder.

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