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WASHINGTON, MARCH 23, 2007

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 23, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing a Statewide
3 automated victim information and notification (SAVIN) system.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 96

9 SAVIN SYSTEM

10 Sec.

11 9601. Establishment.

12 9602. Obligation to notify.

13 9603. Updates.

14 9604. Cooperation.

15 9605. Administration.

16 § 9601. Establishment.

17 The Pennsylvania State Police shall establish a Statewide

1 automated victim information and notification (SAVIN) system
2 that will do all of the following:

3 (1) Automatically notify a victim via the victim's
4 choice of telephone, letter or e-mail when an offender housed
5 in a State or county jail:

6 (i) is transferred or assigned to another facility;

7 (ii) is transferred to the custody of another agency
8 outside the State;

9 (iii) is given a different security classification;

10 (iv) is released on temporary leave or otherwise;

11 (v) is discharged;

12 (vi) has escaped; or

13 (vii) has been served with a protective order that
14 was requested by the victim.

15 (2) Automatically notify a victim via the victim's
16 choice of telephone, letter or e-mail when an offender has:

17 (i) an upcoming court event where the victim is
18 entitled to be present;

19 (ii) an upcoming parole or pardon hearing; or

20 (iii) a change in status of the offender's parole or
21 probation status, including a change in the offender's
22 supervision status and a change in the offender's
23 address.

24 (3) Automatically notify a victim via the victim's
25 choice of telephone, letter or e-mail when a sex offender
26 has:

27 (i) updated the offender's profile information under
28 Chapter 97 (relating to sentencing); or

29 (ii) become noncompliant with registration
30 requirements of Chapter 97.

1 (4) Permit a victim to receive the most recent status
2 report for an offender in a State or county jail or sex
3 offender registry by calling the SAVIN system on a toll-free
4 telephone number and by accessing the SAVIN system through an
5 Internet website.

6 (5) Give victims an option to have live operator
7 assistance to use the SAVIN program on a 24-hour-a-day, 365-
8 day-per-year basis.

9 (6) Permit a victim to register to use or to update the
10 victim's registration information for the SAVIN system by
11 calling a toll-free telephone number or accessing an Internet
12 website.

13 § 9602. Obligation to notify.

14 Participation in the SAVIN program and making offender and
15 case data available on a timely basis to the SAVIN program shall
16 satisfy the obligation to notify a victim of an offender's
17 custody status and the status of the offender's upcoming court
18 events.

19 § 9603. Updates.

20 The Pennsylvania State Police shall ensure that the offender
21 information contained within the automated victim notification
22 system is updated frequently enough to timely notify a victim
23 that an offender has been released, has been discharged or has
24 escaped. However, failure to provide notice to the victim shall
25 not establish a cause of action by the victim against State or
26 local officials or against the Pennsylvania State Police.

27 § 9604. Cooperation.

28 Local law enforcement officers shall cooperate with the
29 Pennsylvania State Police in establishing and maintaining the
30 automated victim information and notification system.

1 § 9605. Administration.

2 The Pennsylvania State Police shall administer the automated
3 victim information and notification system. The costs of
4 administering the system shall be paid with appropriations made
5 to the Pennsylvania State Police and from Federal grants and
6 contracts.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.