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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1974 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY ENGLISH, BAKER, STEPHENS, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE AND  
BARBIN, DECEMBER 19, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

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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 rights.

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

10 Section 1. Section 201(12) of the act of November 24, 1998  
11 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended  
12 and the section is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

13 Section 201. Rights.

14 Victims of crime have the following rights:

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16 (2.1) To not be excluded from any criminal proceeding  
17 unless the court, based on the record before it, determines  
18 that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if  
19 the victim heard other testimony at the proceeding. Before  
20 making a determination, the court shall make every effort to

1 permit the fullest attendance possible by the victim and  
2 shall consider reasonable alternatives to the exclusion of  
3 the victim. The reason for any exclusion shall be clearly  
4 stated on the record.

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6 (12) To be notified of the details of the final  
7 disposition of the case of a juvenile consistent with 42  
8 Pa.C.S. § 6336(f) [(relating to conduct of hearings)].

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