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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Burgess) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (1) of
section 960.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and
witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems.—

(1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the state attorneys,
the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile



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11 Justice, the Florida Commission on Offender Review, the State
12 Courts Administrator and circuit court administrators, the
13 Department of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department,
14 police department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in
15 s. 943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use
16 of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent
17 with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the State
18 Constitution and are designed to implement s. 16(b), Art. I of
19 the State Constitution and to achieve the following objectives:

20 (v) Victim's right to candor.—Each victim must be notified
21 that he or she has the right, if contacted to obtain information
22 relating to a criminal proceeding by an attorney, an
23 investigator, or any other agent acting on behalf of the
24 criminal defendant, to be informed of:

- 25 1. The person's name and employer; and
26 2. The fact that such person is acting on behalf of the
27 defendant.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

32 Delete everything before the enacting clause
33 and insert:

34 A bill to be entitled
35 An act relating to victim's right to candor in
36 criminal proceedings; amending s. 960.001, F.S.;

37 requiring that a victim be notified that he or she has
38 the right to be informed of specified information if
39 contacted by certain persons acting on behalf of a



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defendant in a criminal proceeding; providing an
effective date.