

**EXPAND CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS
ACT**

House Bill 4541
Sponsor: Rep. Kirk Profit
Committee: Judiciary

Complete to 8-5-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4541 AS INTRODUCED 3-20-97

The bill would amend the Crime Victim's Rights Act to allow a person other than a victim to request and receive information about a prisoner and to have the same rights as a victim. The act currently allows a victim of a crime to request and receive certain information regarding the prisoner who was convicted of committing the crime against the victim. In addition, the victim has certain rights, including the right to be notified no less than 30 days before a review of prisoner's release, and the right to address or submit a written statement to a member of the parole board or a member of any other panel with authority over the prisoner's release on parole.

House Bill 4541 would provide that, as of the effective date of the bill, any person could submit a written request in the same fashion as a victim of a crime and thereby be entitled to receive the same notices about the particular prisoner as the victim. The person's request would have to include his or her name and address and the name of the particular prisoner about whom he or she wanted to receive information. In addition, a person who submitted such a request would also be entitled to the same rights regarding consideration of parole for the prisoner as the victim.

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