

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to victim's right to candor in
 3 criminal proceedings; amending s. 960.001, F.S.;
 4 requiring a victim to be notified that he or she has
 5 the right to be informed of specified information when
 6 contacted by certain persons acting on behalf of a
 7 defendant in a criminal proceeding; providing an
 8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

14 960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and
 15 witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems.—

16 (1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the state attorneys,
 17 the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile
 18 Justice, the Florida Commission on Offender Review, the State
 19 Courts Administrator and circuit court administrators, the
 20 Department of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department,
 21 police department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in
 22 s. 943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use
 23 of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent
 24 with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the State
 25 Constitution and are designed to implement s. 16(b), Art. I of

26 | the State Constitution and to achieve the following objectives:

27 | (v) Victim's right to candor.-Each victim must be notified
 28 | that he or she has the right, if contacted to obtain information
 29 | relating to a criminal proceeding by an attorney, investigator,
 30 | or any other agent acting on behalf of the criminal defendant,
 31 | to be informed of:

- 32 | 1. The person's name and employer; and
 33 | 2. The fact that such person is acting on behalf of the
 34 | defendant.

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