

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1680

By: Wright, Jordan and Biggs of
the House

and

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Senate

An Act relating to crime victims; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 142A-2 and 142A-13, which relate to the Oklahoma Victim's Rights Act; directing district attorneys to inform victims of certain right; directing the Department of Corrections to send notification of inmate release to designated service provider; establishing time limitation for providing notice; directing Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals to provide notice of opinions prior to publication; directing the Department of Corrections to send notification of inmate release to designated service provider; establishing time limitation for providing notice; amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 510.9, as last amended by Section 31, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 510.9), which relates to the Electronic Monitoring Program; updating statutory reference; changing agency responsible for disseminating certain notification; establishing time limitation for providing notice; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Crime victims

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 142A-2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 142A-2. A. The district attorney's office shall inform the victims and witnesses of crimes of the following rights:

1. To be notified that a court proceeding to which a victim or witness has been subpoenaed will or will not go on as scheduled, in order to save the person an unnecessary trip to court;

2. To receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of the cooperation of the person with law enforcement and prosecution efforts, and to be provided with information as to the level of protection available and how to access protection;

3. To be informed of financial assistance and other social services available as a result of being a witness or a victim, including information on how to apply for the assistance and services;

4. To be informed of the procedure to be followed in order to apply for and receive any witness fee to which the victim or witness is entitled;

5. To be informed of the procedure to be followed in order to apply for and receive any restitution to which the victim is entitled;

6. To be provided, whenever possible, a secure waiting area during court proceedings that does not require close proximity to defendants and families and friends of defendants;

7. To have any stolen or other personal property expeditiously returned by law enforcement agencies when no longer needed as evidence. If feasible, all such property, except weapons, currency, contraband, property subject to evidentiary analysis and property the ownership of which is disputed, shall be returned to the person;

8. To be provided with appropriate employer intercession services to ensure that employers of victims and witnesses will cooperate with the criminal justice process in order to minimize the loss of pay and other benefits of the employee resulting from court appearances;

9. To have the family members of all homicide victims afforded all of the services under this section, whether or not the person is to be a witness in any criminal proceeding;

10. To be informed of any plea bargain negotiations;

11. To have victim impact statements filed with the judgment and sentence;

12. To be informed if a sentence is overturned, remanded for a new trial or otherwise modified by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals;

13. To be informed in writing of all statutory rights;

14. To be informed that when any family member is required to be a witness by a subpoena from the defense, there must be a showing that the witness can provide relevant testimony as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant before the witness may be excluded from the proceeding by invoking the rule to remove potential witnesses;

15. To be informed that the Oklahoma Constitution allows, upon the recommendation of the Pardon and Parole Board and the approval of the Governor, the commutation of any sentence, including a sentence of life without parole;

16. To receive written notification of how to access victim rights information from the interviewing officer or investigating detective; and

17. To a speedy disposition of the charges free from unwarranted delay caused by or at the behest of the defendant or minor. In determining a date for any criminal trial or other important criminal or juvenile justice hearing, the court shall consider the interests of the victim of a crime to a speedy resolution of the charges under the same standards that govern the right to a speedy trial for a defendant or a minor. In ruling on any motion presented on behalf of a defendant or minor to continue a previously established trial or other important criminal or juvenile justice hearing, the court shall inquire into the circumstances requiring the delay and consider the interests of the victim of a crime to a speedy resolution of the case. If a continuance is granted, the court shall enter into the record the specific reason for the continuance and the procedures that have been taken to avoid further delays.

B. The district attorney's office may inform the crime victim of an offense committed by a juvenile of the name and address of the juvenile found to have committed the crime, and shall notify the

crime victim of any offense listed in Section 2-5-101 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes of all court hearings involving that particular juvenile act. If the victim is not available, the district attorney's office shall notify an adult relative of the victim of said hearings.

C. The district attorney's office shall inform victims of violent crimes and members of the immediate family of such victims of their rights under Sections ~~14~~ 142A-8 and ~~15~~ 142A-9 of this ~~act~~ title and Section 332.2 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. In any felony case involving a violent crime or a sex offense, the district attorney's office shall inform the victim, as soon as practicable, or an adult member of the immediate family of the victim if the victim is deceased, incapacitated, or incompetent, of the progress of pretrial proceedings which could substantially delay the prosecution of the case.

E. The district attorney's office shall inform the crime victim that he or she has the right to utilize the automated notification system provided by the designated Oklahoma victim notification service provider for purposes of receiving information regarding the location of the defendant following an arrest, during a prosecution of the criminal case, during a sentence to probation or confinement, and when there is any release or escape of the defendant from confinement.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 142A-13, is amended to read as follows:

Section 142A-13. A. Upon the granting of a parole by the Governor, and release of the inmate to the community, the Pardon and Parole Board shall provide written notification to any victim of the crime for which the parolee was convicted by mailing the notification to the last-known address of the victim, if such information is requested by the victim. The Pardon and Parole Board shall not give the address of the parolee to any victim of the crime for which the parolee was convicted.

B. Upon the granting of a pardon by the Governor, the Pardon and Parole Board shall provide written notification to any victim of the crime for which the person receiving the pardon was convicted by mailing the notification to the last-known address of the victim, if such information is requested by the victim. The Pardon and Parole Board shall not give the address of the person receiving the pardon

to any victim of the crime for which the person receiving the pardon was convicted.

C. The notification requirements provided for in subsections A and B of this section shall be made on a monthly basis by the tenth day of the month following the granting of the pardon or parole.

D. The Department of Corrections shall provide notice of the projected date of release of an inmate to the designated Oklahoma victim notification service provider within sixty (60) days but not less than seven (7) days prior to the projected date of release of the inmate.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1071.1 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Opinions of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals designated for official publication shall be published on the Oklahoma State Courts Network website. The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals is hereby requested to provide notice of release of its opinion to all subscribers of record who have requested copies of opinions not less than two (2) business days prior to publication of the opinion on the website. Notice to the parties shall be made via electronic mail or on the website of the Oklahoma State Courts Network.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 360.1 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Corrections shall provide notice of the projected date of release of an inmate to the designated Oklahoma victim notification service provider within sixty (60) days but not less than seven (7) days prior to the projected date of release of the inmate.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 510.9, as last amended by Section 31, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 510.9), is amended to read as follows:

Section 510.9 A. There is hereby created the Electronic Monitoring Program for inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections who are sentenced for a nonviolent offense not included as a violent offense defined in Section 571 of this title. The Department is authorized to use an electronic monitoring global

positioning device to satisfy its custody duties and responsibilities.

B. After an inmate has been processed and received through a Department Assessment and Reception Center, has been incarcerated for a minimum of ninety (90) days, and has met the criteria established in subsection C of Section 521 of this title, the Director of the Department of Corrections may assign the inmate, if eligible, to the Electronic Monitoring Program. Nothing shall prohibit the Director from assigning an inmate to the Electronic Monitoring Program while assigned to the accredited halfway house or transitional living facility. The following inmates, youthful offenders, and juveniles shall not be eligible for assignment to the program:

1. Any inmate serving a sentence of more than five (5) years who has eleven (11) months or more left on the sentence or any inmate serving a sentence of five (5) years or less whose initial custody assessment requires placement above the minimum security level;

2. Inmates convicted of a violent offense within the previous ten (10) years pursuant to Section 571 of this title;

3. Inmates convicted of any violation of the provisions of the Trafficking in Illegal Drugs Act, Section 2-414 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. Inmates denied parole within the previous twelve (12) months pursuant to Section 332.7 of this title;

5. Inmates convicted pursuant to Section 11-902 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes who are not receptive to substance abuse treatment and follow-up treatment;

6. Inmates removed from the Electronic Monitoring Program or any other alternative to incarceration authorized by law for violation of any rule or condition of the program and reassigned to imprisonment in a correctional facility;

7. Inmates deemed by the Department to be a security risk or threat to the public;

8. Inmates requiring educational, medical or other services or programs not available in a community setting as determined by the Department;

9. Inmates convicted of any violation of subsection C of Section 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or who have an active protection order that was issued under the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, ~~Sections 60 through 60.16 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes;~~

10. Inmates who have outstanding felony warrants or detainers from another jurisdiction;

11. Inmates convicted of a sex offense who, upon release from incarceration, would be required by law to register pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act;

12. Inmates convicted of racketeering activity as defined in Section 1402 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13. Inmates convicted pursuant to subsection F of Section 2-401 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14. Inmates convicted pursuant to Section 650 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15. Inmates who have escaped from a penal or correctional institution within the previous ten (10) years; or

16. Inmates who currently have active misconduct actions on file with the Department of Corrections.

C. Every eligible inmate assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program shall remain in such program until one of the following conditions has been met:

1. The inmate discharges the term of the sentence;

2. The inmate is removed from the Electronic Monitoring Program for violation of any rule or condition of the program and reassigned to imprisonment in a correctional facility; or

3. The inmate is paroled by the Governor pursuant to Section 332.7 of this title.

D. After an inmate has been assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program, denial of parole pursuant to Section 332.7 of this title, shall not be cause for removal from the program, provided the inmate has not violated the rules or conditions of the program. The inmate may remain assigned to the program, if otherwise eligible, until the completion of the sentence.

E. The Electronic Monitoring Program shall require active supervision of the inmate in a community setting by a correctional officer or other employee of the Department of Corrections with monitoring by a global positioning device approved by the Department under such rules and conditions as may be established by the Department. If an inmate violates any rule or condition of the program, the Department may take necessary disciplinary action consistent with the rules established pursuant to this section, including reassignment to a higher level of security or removing the inmate from the program with reassignment to imprisonment in a correctional facility. Any inmate who escapes from the Electronic Monitoring Program shall be subject to the provisions of Section 443 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. Upon an inmate assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program becoming eligible for parole consideration, pursuant to Section 332.7 of this title, the Department of Corrections shall deliver the inmate, in person, to a correctional facility for interview, together with any Department records necessary for the Pardon and Parole Board's investigation. Inmates assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program shall not be allowed to waive consideration or recommendation for parole.

G. Prior to placement of any eligible inmate assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program being placed in a community setting, the Department of Corrections shall deliver a written notification to the sheriff and district attorney of the county, and the chief law enforcement officer of any incorporated city or town in which the inmate is to be monitored and supervised under the program. The district attorney Department of Corrections shall disseminate such information to victims of the crime for which the inmate is serving sentence, if any, when the victims are known to live in the same city, town or county provide notice of the projected date of release of an inmate to the designated Oklahoma victim notification service provider within sixty (60) days but not less than seven (7) days prior to the projected date of release of the inmate.

H. An inmate assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program may be required to pay the Department of Corrections for all or part of any monitoring equipment or fee, substance abuse treatment program or follow-up treatment expense, supervision cost, or other costs while assigned to the program. The Department shall determine whether the inmate has the ability to pay all or part of such fee or costs.

I. The Department of Corrections shall promulgate and adopt rules and procedures necessary to implement the Electronic Monitoring Program, including but not limited to methods of monitoring and supervision, disciplinary action, reassignment to higher and lower security levels, removal from the program, and costs of monitoring and supervision to be paid by the inmate, if any.

J. An inmate assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program shall, within thirty (30) days of being placed in a community setting, report to the court clerk and the district attorney of the county from which the judgment and sentence resulting in incarceration arose to address payment of any fines, costs, restitution and assessments owed by the inmate, if any.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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