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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY COLEMAN, FONTANA, ROTHMAN, BROWN, COSTA, MILLER,  
CULVER AND LAUGHLIN, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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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 responsibilities of  
8 State and local law enforcement agencies.

9 This act may be referred to as Tara's Law.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 212 of the act of November 24, 1998  
13 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by  
14 adding a subsection to read:

15 Section 212. Responsibilities of State and local law  
16 enforcement agencies.

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18 (h) Release of identification.--

19 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), a law  
20 enforcement agency shall make a reasonable effort to contact  
21 a surviving family member of a direct victim of murder or

1 intervenor before publicly releasing the identification of  
2 the direct victim or intervenor.

3 (2) A law enforcement agency may publicly release the  
4 identification of a direct victim of murder or intervenor  
5 without notification of the death to a surviving family  
6 member if the release is necessary for the investigation of  
7 the murder.

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