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CRIME VICTIM AMENDMENTS
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to victims of crime.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the Utah Office for Victims of Crime to provide a law enforcement agency with educational materials regarding sexual assault victims;
- amends the duties of the Utah Council on Victims of Crime;
- amends the duties of the Utah Victim Services Commission;
- creates a victim rights committee in each judicial district of the state;
- establishes the membership of a victim rights committee;
- creates a process for submitting a complaint alleging a violation of a victim's right;
- clarifies the relief that a victim may seek from a court for a violation of a victim's right;
- clarifies that a defendant may not seek relief from a court for a violation of victim's rights;
- requires a prosecuting attorney to consult with, and receive a request from, a victim before a criminal action involving a domestic violence offense is transferred from the justice court to the district court;
- repeals a statute on district victims' rights committees; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a coordination clause.

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63M-7-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 148, 185 and 43031 **63M-7-603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 17232 **63M-7-904**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15033 **77-38-11**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 33134 **78A-7-106**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 34

35 ENACTS:

36 **63M-7-506.5**, as Utah Code Annotated 195337 **63M-7-1001**, as Utah Code Annotated 195338 **63M-7-1002**, as Utah Code Annotated 195339 **63M-7-1003**, as Utah Code Annotated 1953

40 REPEALS:

41 **77-37-5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 23742 **Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:**43 **63M-7-904**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 150

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45 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*46 Section 1. Section **63M-7-502** is amended to read:47 **63M-7-502 . Definitions.**

48 As used in this part:

49 (1) "Accomplice" means an individual who has engaged in criminal conduct as described in
50 Section 76-2-202.51 (2) "Advocacy services provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section
52 77-38-403.53 (3) "Board" means the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board created under
54 Section 63M-7-504.

55 (4) "Bodily injury" means physical pain, illness, or any impairment of physical condition.

56 (5) "Claimant" means any of the following claiming reparations under this part:

57 (a) a victim;

58 (b) a dependent of a deceased victim; or

59 (c) an individual or representative who files a reparations claim on behalf of a victim.

60 (6) "Child" means an unemancipated individual who is under 18 years old.

61 (7) "Collateral source" means any source of benefits or advantages for economic loss

- 62 otherwise reparable under this part that the victim or claimant has received, or that is
63 readily available to the victim from:
- 64 (a) the offender;
 - 65 (b) the insurance of the offender or the victim;
 - 66 (c) the United States government or any of its agencies, a state or any of its political
67 subdivisions, or an instrumentality of two or more states, except in the case on
68 nonobligatory state-funded programs;
 - 69 (d) social security, Medicare, and Medicaid;
 - 70 (e) state-required temporary nonoccupational income replacement insurance or disability
71 income insurance;
 - 72 (f) workers' compensation;
 - 73 (g) wage continuation programs of any employer;
 - 74 (h) proceeds of a contract of insurance payable to the victim for the loss the victim
75 sustained because of the criminally injurious conduct;
 - 76 (i) a contract providing prepaid hospital and other health care services or benefits for
77 disability; or
 - 78 (j) veteran's benefits, including veteran's hospitalization benefits.
- 79 (8) "Criminal justice system victim advocate" means the same as that term is defined in
80 Section 77-38-403.
- 81 (9) (a) "Criminally injurious conduct" other than acts of war declared or not declared
82 means conduct that:
- 83 (i) is or would be subject to prosecution in this state under Section 76-1-201;
 - 84 (ii) occurs or is attempted;
 - 85 (iii) causes, or poses a substantial threat of causing, bodily injury or death;
 - 86 (iv) is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death if the individual engaging in the
87 conduct possessed the capacity to commit the conduct; and
 - 88 (v) does not arise out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle,
89 aircraft, or water craft, unless the conduct is:
 - 90 (A) intended to cause bodily injury or death;
 - 91 (B) punishable under Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Individual; or
 - 92 (C) chargeable as an offense for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 93 (b) "Criminally injurious conduct" includes a felony violation of Section 76-7-101 and
94 other conduct leading to the psychological injury of an individual resulting from
95 living in a setting that involves a bigamous relationship.

- 96 (10) (a) "Dependent" means a natural person to whom the victim is wholly or partially
97 legally responsible for care or support.
- 98 (b) "Dependent" includes a child of the victim born after the victim's death.
- 99 (11) "Dependent's economic loss" means loss after the victim's death of contributions of
100 things of economic value to the victim's dependent, not including services the dependent
101 would have received from the victim if the victim had not suffered the fatal injury, less
102 expenses of the dependent avoided by reason of victim's death.
- 103 (12) "Dependent's replacement services loss" means loss reasonably and necessarily
104 incurred by the dependent after the victim's death in obtaining services in lieu of those
105 the decedent would have performed for the victim's benefit if the victim had not suffered
106 the fatal injury, less expenses of the dependent avoided by reason of the victim's death
107 and not subtracted in calculating the dependent's economic loss.
- 108 (13) "Director" means the director of the office.
- 109 (14) "Disposition" means the sentencing or determination of penalty or punishment to be
110 imposed upon an individual:
- 111 (a) convicted of a crime;
112 (b) found delinquent; or
113 (c) against whom a finding of sufficient facts for conviction or finding of delinquency is
114 made.
- 115 (15) (a) "Economic loss" means economic detriment consisting only of allowable
116 expense, work loss, replacement services loss, and if injury causes death, dependent's
117 economic loss and dependent's replacement service loss.
- 118 (b) "Economic loss" includes economic detriment even if caused by pain and suffering
119 or physical impairment.
- 120 (c) "Economic loss" does not include noneconomic detriment.
- 121 (16) "Elderly victim" means an individual who is 60 years old or older and who is a victim.
- 122 (17) "Fraudulent claim" means a filed reparations based on material misrepresentation of
123 fact and intended to deceive the reparations staff for the purpose of obtaining reparation
124 funds for which the claimant is not eligible.
- 125 (18) "Fund" means the Crime Victim Reparations Fund created in Section 63M-7-526.
- 126 (19) (a) "Interpersonal violence" means an act involving violence, physical harm, or a
127 threat of violence or physical harm, that is committed by an individual who is or has
128 been in a domestic, dating, sexual, or intimate relationship with the victim.
- 129 (b) "Interpersonal violence" includes any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation of an act

- 130 described in Subsection (19)(a).
- 131 (20) "Law enforcement agency" means a public or private agency having general police
132 power and charged with making arrests in connection with enforcement of the criminal
133 statutes and ordinances of this state or any political subdivision of this state.
- 134 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
135 53-13-103.
- 136 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) (a) "Medical examination" means a physical examination necessary to
137 document criminally injurious conduct.
- 138 (b) "Medical examination" does not include mental health evaluations for the
139 prosecution and investigation of a crime.
- 140 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) "Mental health counseling" means outpatient and inpatient counseling
141 necessitated as a result of criminally injurious conduct, is subject to rules made by the
142 board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 143 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) "Misconduct" means conduct by the victim that was attributable to the injury or
144 death of the victim as provided by rules made by the board in accordance with Title
145 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 146 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) "Noneconomic detriment" means pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical
147 impairment, and other nonpecuniary damage, except as provided in this part.
- 148 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) "Nongovernment organization victim advocate" means the same as that term is
149 defined in Section 77-38-403.
- 150 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) "Pecuniary loss" does not include loss attributable to pain and suffering except as
151 otherwise provided in this part.
- 152 ~~[(27)]~~ (28) "Offender" means an individual who has violated Title 76, Utah Criminal Code,
153 through criminally injurious conduct regardless of whether the individual is arrested,
154 prosecuted, or convicted.
- 155 ~~[(28)]~~ (29) "Offense" means a violation of Title 76, Utah Criminal Code.
- 156 ~~[(29)]~~ (30) "Office" means the director, the reparations and assistance officers, and any other
157 staff employed for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this part.
- 158 ~~[(30)]~~ (31) "Perpetrator" means the individual who actually participated in the criminally
159 injurious conduct.
- 160 ~~[(31)]~~ (32) "Reparations award" means money or other benefits provided to a claimant or to
161 another on behalf of a claimant after the day on which a reparations claim is approved
162 by the office.
- 163 ~~[(32)]~~ (33) "Reparations claim" means a claimant's request or application made to the office

164 for a reparations award.

165 ~~[(33)]~~ (34) (a) "Reparations officer" means an individual employed by the office to
166 investigate claims of victims and award reparations under this part.

167 (b) "Reparations officer" includes the director when the director is acting as a
168 reparations officer.

169 ~~[(34)]~~ (35) "Replacement service loss" means expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred
170 in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the injured individual would
171 have performed, not for income but the benefit of the injured individual or the injured
172 individual's dependents if the injured individual had not been injured.

173 ~~[(35)]~~ (36) (a) "Representative" means the victim, immediate family member, legal
174 guardian, attorney, conservator, executor, or an heir of an individual.

175 (b) "Representative" does not include a service provider or collateral source.

176 ~~[(36)]~~ (37) "Restitution" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-38b-102.

177 ~~[(37)]~~ (38) "Secondary victim" means an individual who is traumatically affected by the
178 criminally injurious conduct subject to rules made by the board in accordance with Title
179 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

180 ~~[(38)]~~ (39) "Service provider" means an individual or agency who provides a service to a
181 victim for a monetary fee, except attorneys as provided in Section 63M-7-524.

182 ~~[(39)]~~ (40) "Serious bodily injury" means the same as that term is defined in Section
183 76-1-101.5.

184 ~~[(40)]~~ (41) "Sexual assault" means any criminal conduct described in Title 76, Chapter 5,
185 Part 4, Sexual Offenses.

186 ~~[(41)]~~ (42) "Strangulation" means any act involving the use of unlawful force or violence
187 that:

188 (a) impedes breathing or the circulation of blood; and
189 (b) is likely to produce a loss of consciousness by:

190 (i) applying pressure to the neck or throat of an individual; or
191 (ii) obstructing the nose, mouth, or airway of an individual.

192 ~~[(42)]~~ (43) "Substantial bodily injury" means the same as that term is defined in Section
193 76-1-101.5.

194 ~~[(43)]~~ (44) (a) "Victim" means an individual who suffers bodily or psychological injury
195 or death as a direct result of:

196 (i) criminally injurious conduct; or
197 (ii) the production of pornography in violation of Section 76-5b-201 or 76-5b-201.1

198 if the individual is a minor.

199 (b) "Victim" does not include an individual who participated in or observed the judicial
200 proceedings against an offender unless otherwise provided by statute or rule made in
201 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

202 ~~[(44)]~~ (45) "Work loss" means loss of income from work the injured victim would have
203 performed if the injured victim had not been injured and expenses reasonably incurred
204 by the injured victim in obtaining services in lieu of those the injured victim would have
205 performed for income, reduced by any income from substitute work the injured victim
206 was capable of performing but unreasonably failed to undertake.

207 Section 2. Section **63M-7-506.5** is enacted to read:

208 **63M-7-506.5 . Duties of the office.**

209 The office shall provide educational materials to a law enforcement agency to assist
210 the law enforcement agency with informing a victim of a sexual assault of the victim's
211 right to request testing of the victim and of the offender alleged to have committed the
212 sexual assault as described in Section 53-10-802.

213 Section 3. Section **63M-7-603** is amended to read:

214 **63M-7-603 . Duties of the council.**

215 (1) The council shall:

216 (a) make recommendations to the Legislature, the governor, and the Judicial Council on
217 the following:

218 (i) enforcing existing rights of victims of crime;

219 (ii) enhancing rights of victims of crime;

220 (iii) the role of victims of crime in the criminal justice system;

221 (iv) victim restitution;

222 (v) educating and training criminal justice professionals on the rights of victims of
223 crime; and

224 (vi) enhancing services to victims of crimes; and

225 (b) provide training on the rights of victims of crime~~[-and]~~ .

226 ~~[(e) establish a subcommittee to consider complaints not resolved by the Victims'~~
227 ~~Rights Committee established in Section 77-37-5.]~~

228 (2) The council:

229 (a) shall advocate the adoption, repeal, or modification of laws or proposed legislation in
230 the interest of victims of crime;

231 (b) subject to court rules and the governor's approval, may advocate in appellate courts

232 on behalf of a victim of crime as described in Subsection 77-38-11(2)(a)(ii); and
 233 (c) may establish additional subcommittees to assist in accomplishing its duties[; ~~and~~] .
 234 [~~(d) shall select and appoint individuals in accordance with Section 77-37-5 to act as~~
 235 ~~chairpersons of the judicial district victims' rights committees and provide assistance~~
 236 ~~to the committees in their operations.~~]

237 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

238 Section 4. Section **63M-7-904** is amended to read:

239 **63M-7-904 . Duties of the commission -- Report.**

- 240 (1) The commission shall, in partnership with state agencies and organizations, including
 241 the Children's Justice Center Program, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime, the Utah
 242 Council on Victims of Crime, and the Division of Child and Family Services:
- 243 (a) review and assess the duties and practices of the State Commission on Criminal and
 244 Juvenile Justice regarding services and criminal justice policies pertaining to victims;
- 245 (b) encourage and facilitate the development and coordination of trauma-informed
 246 services for crime victims throughout the state;
- 247 (c) encourage and foster public and private partnerships for the purpose of:
- 248 (i) assessing needs for crime victim services throughout the state;
- 249 (ii) developing crime victim services and resources throughout the state; and
- 250 (iii) coordinating crime victim services and resources throughout the state;
- 251 (d) generate unity for ongoing efforts to reduce and eliminate the impact of crime on
 252 victims through a comprehensive and evidence-based prevention, treatment, and
 253 justice strategy;
- 254 (e) recommend and support the creation, dissemination, and implementation of statewide
 255 policies and plans to address crimes, including domestic violence, sexual violence,
 256 child abuse, and driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol;
- 257 (f) develop a systematic process and clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination
 258 of data on domestic violence and sexual violence;
- 259 (g) collect information on statewide funding for crime victim services and prevention
 260 efforts, including the sources, disbursement, and outcomes of statewide funding for
 261 crime victim services and prevention efforts;
- 262 (h) consider recommendations from any subcommittee of the commission; and
- 263 (i) make recommendations regarding:
- 264 (i) the duties and practices of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
 265 to ensure that:

- 266 (A) crime victims are a vital part of the criminal justice system of the state;
- 267 (B) all crime victims and witnesses are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and
- 268 sensitivity; and
- 269 (C) the rights of crime victims and witnesses are honored and protected by law in
- 270 a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants; and
- 271 (ii) statewide funding for crime victim services and prevention efforts.
- 272 (2) The commission may[-] :
- 273 (a) recommend to the Legislature the services to be funded by the Victim Services
- 274 Restricted Account[-] ;
- 275 (b) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
- 276 Rulemaking Act, regarding the process by which a victim, or a representative of a
- 277 victim, may submit a complaint alleging a violation of the victim's rights; and
- 278 (c) review any action taken by a victim rights committee created in accordance with
- 279 Section 63M-7-1002.
- 280 (3) The commission shall report the commission's recommendations annually to the State
- 281 Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, the governor, the Judicial Council, the
- 282 Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, the Health and
- 283 Human Services Interim Committee, the Judiciary Interim Committee, and the Law
- 284 Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.
- 285 (4) When taking an action or making a recommendation, the commission shall respect that
- 286 a state agency is bound to follow state law and may have duties or responsibilities
- 287 imposed by state law.

288 Section 5. Section **63M-7-1001** is enacted to read:

289 **Part 10. Victim Rights Committees**

290 **63M-7-1001 . Definitions.**

291 As used in this part:

- 292 (1) "Committee" means a victim rights committee established in each judicial district as
- 293 described in Section 63M-7-1002.
- 294 (2) "Victim Services Commission" means the Utah Victim Services Commission
- 295 established in Section 63M-7-902.
- 296 (3) (a) "Criminal justice agency" means an agency that is directly involved in the
- 297 apprehension, prosecution, incarceration, or supervision of an individual involved in
- 298 criminal conduct.

- 299 (b) "Criminal justice agency" includes:
 300 (i) a law enforcement agency as defined in Section 63M-7-502;
 301 (ii) a prosecuting agency;
 302 (iii) the Department of Corrections created in Section 64-13-2; or
 303 (iv) the Board of Pardons and Parole created in Section 77-27-2.
- 304 (4) "Member" means an individual appointed to a committee.
 305 (5) "Representative of a victim" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-38-2.
 306 (6) (a) "Victim" means an individual against whom criminal conduct has allegedly been
 307 committed.
 308 (b) "Victim" does not include an individual who is an accomplice or codefendant to
 309 criminal conduct.
- 310 (7) "Victim advocate" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-37-403.
 311 (8) "Victim's rights" means the rights afforded to a victim under Title 77, Chapter 37,
 312 Victims' Rights, Title 77, Chapter 38, Crime Victims, and Utah Constitution, Article I,
 313 Section 28.
- 314 Section 6. Section **63M-7-1002** is enacted to read:
 315 **63M-7-1002 . Victim rights committee for each judicial district -- Members --**
 316 **Terms.**
- 317 (1) There is created a victim rights committee in each judicial district of this state.
 318 (2) The Victim Services Commission shall appoint a chair to serve on each committee.
 319 (3) The chair shall appoint, with the Victim Services Commission's consent, the following
 320 individuals to serve on each committee:
 321 (a) a county or district attorney within the judicial district, or the county or district
 322 attorney's designee;
 323 (b) a municipal attorney within the judicial district, or the municipal attorney's designee;
 324 (c) a sheriff within the judicial district, or the sheriff's designee;
 325 (d) a chief of police within the judicial district, or the chief of police's designee;
 326 (e) a representative of the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department
 327 of Corrections;
 328 (f) a victim advocate; and
 329 (g) any other representative as appropriate.
- 330 (4) A member is:
 331 (a) appointed to serve a four-year term; and
 332 (b) eligible for reappointment.

- 333 (5) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of a committee for any reason, the
334 replacement shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 335 (6) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but a
336 member may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
- 337 (a) Section 63A-3-106;
338 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
339 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
340 63A-3-107.
- 341 Section 7. Section **63M-7-1003** is enacted to read:
342 **63M-7-1003 . Complaint of violation of victim rights -- Criminal justice agency**
343 **policy about complaints.**
- 344 (1) (a) When a committee receives a complaint, the committee shall review the
345 complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a violation of a victim's rights.
- 346 (b) If a complaint alleges a violation of a victim's rights in another judicial district, the
347 committee shall forward the complaint to the judicial district where the violation
348 allegedly occurred.
- 349 (2) (a) If the committee receives a complaint that does not allege a violation of a victim's
350 rights, the committee shall send a letter to the victim, or the representative of a victim:
- 351 (i) explaining that the committee may only address a violation of the victim's rights;
352 and
- 353 (ii) describing any other resources that may be available to the victim or the
354 representative of the victim.
- 355 (b) The committee shall send the letter described in Subsection (2)(a) within 30 days
356 after the day on which the committee receives the complaint.
- 357 (3) If the complaint does allege a violation of a victim's rights, the committee shall forward
358 a copy of the complaint to the person that is the subject of the complaint.
- 359 (4) The committee shall schedule a meeting for the committee to review the complaint as
360 soon as practicable.
- 361 (5) If a criminal justice agency investigates a complaint regarding a violation of a victim's
362 rights and the committee receives a complaint about the same violation, the criminal
363 justice agency shall provide the criminal justice agency's investigative findings related to
364 the complaint to the committee.
- 365 (6) After reviewing the complaint and any findings submitted by a criminal justice agency
366 under Subsection (5), the committee may:

- 367 (a) inform the person of a victim's rights and the obligations required by law;
 368 (b) refer the victim, or the representative of a victim, to other resources in the
 369 community; or
 370 (c) inform the victim, or the representative of a victim, of the victim's rights and
 371 remedies described in Title 77, Chapter 37, Victims' Rights, Title 77, Chapter 38,
 372 Crime Victims, and Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 28.

373 (7) Within 30 days after the day on which the committee meeting is held, the chair of the
 374 committee shall send a letter to the victim, or the representative of a victim, describing
 375 any action taken by the committee.

376 (8) A criminal justice agency shall establish a policy for addressing a complaint alleging a
 377 violation of a victim's rights.

378 Section 8. Section **77-38-11** is amended to read:

379 **77-38-11 . Enforcement -- Appellate review -- No right to money damages.**

380 (1) If a person acting under color of state law allegedly violates the rights of a victim
 381 described in this chapter, Chapter 37, Victims' Rights, or Utah Constitution, Article I,
 382 Section 28, the victim, or a representative of a victim, may file a complaint with a victim
 383 rights committee as described in Section 63M-7-1003.

384 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) If a person acting under color of state law willfully or wantonly fails to perform
 385 duties so that the rights in this chapter are not provided, an action for injunctive relief,
 386 including prospective injunctive relief, may be brought against the individual and the
 387 governmental entity that employs the individual.

388 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) The victim of a crime or representative of a victim of a crime~~[-including any~~
 389 Victims' Rights Committee as defined in Section 77-37-5] may:

390 (i) bring an action for declaratory relief or for a writ of mandamus defining or
 391 enforcing the rights of victims and the obligations of government entities under
 392 this chapter;

393 (ii) petition to file an amicus brief in any court in any case affecting crime victims;
 394 and

395 (iii) after giving notice to the prosecution and the defense, seek an appropriate
 396 remedy for a violation of a victim's right from the [judge] court assigned to the
 397 case involving the issue~~[-as provided in Section 77-38-11].~~

398 (b) Adverse rulings on these actions or on a motion or request brought by a victim of a
 399 crime or a representative of a victim of a crime may be appealed under the rules
 400 governing appellate actions, provided that an appeal may not constitute grounds for

- 401 delaying any criminal or juvenile proceeding.
- 402 (c) An appellate court shall review all properly presented issues, including issues that are
- 403 capable of repetition but would otherwise evade review.
- 404 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) Upon a showing that the victim has not unduly delayed in seeking to protect
- 405 the victim's right, and after hearing from the prosecution and the defense, the ~~[judge]~~
- 406 court shall determine whether a right of the victim has been violated.
- 407 (b) If the ~~[judge]~~ court determines that a victim's right has been violated, the ~~[judge shall~~
- 408 ~~proceed to]~~ court shall:
- 409 (i) determine the appropriate remedy for the violation of the victim's right by hearing
- 410 from the victim and the parties~~;~~ and considering all factors relevant to the issue~~;~~
- 411 ~~and then awarding]~~ ; and
- 412 (ii) award an appropriate remedy to the victim.
- 413 (5) (a) The court shall~~[-]~~ :
- 414 (i) reconsider any judicial decision or judgment affected by a violation of the victim's
- 415 right; and
- 416 (ii) ~~[-determine whether,-]~~ upon affording the victim the right and further hearing from
- 417 the prosecution and the defense, determine whether the decision or judgment
- 418 would have been different.
- 419 (b) If the court's decision or judgment would have been different, the court shall enter
- 420 the new different decision or judgment as the appropriate remedy.
- 421 (c) If necessary to protect the victim's right, ~~[the new decision or judgment shall be~~
- 422 ~~entered-]~~ the court shall enter the new decision or judgment nunc pro tunc to the time
- 423 the first decision or judgment was reached.
- 424 (d) In no event shall the appropriate remedy be a new trial, damages, attorney fees, or
- 425 costs.
- 426 ~~[(e)]~~ (6) (a) The appropriate remedy under Subsection (4) or (5) shall include only
- 427 actions necessary to provide the victim the right to which the victim was entitled~~[-and]~~ .
- 428 (b) The appropriate remedy under Subsection (4) or (5) may include reopening
- 429 previously held proceedings.
- 430 (7) (a) Subject to Subsection ~~[(3)(d)]~~ (7)(c), the court may reopen a sentence or a
- 431 previously entered guilty or no contest plea only if ~~[doing so-]~~ reopening the sentence
- 432 or plea:
- 433 (i) would not preclude continued prosecution or sentencing the defendant; and
- 434 (ii) would not otherwise permit the defendant to escape justice.

435 (b) ~~[Any remedy shall be tailored]~~ The court shall tailor a remedy to provide the victim
 436 with an appropriate remedy without violating any constitutional right of the
 437 defendant.

438 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) If the court sets aside a previously entered plea of guilty or no contest, and [
 439 thereafter-] the continued prosecution of the charge is held to be prevented by the
 440 defendant's having been previously put in jeopardy, the order setting aside the plea is
 441 void and the plea is reinstated as of the date of [its-] the plea's original entry.

442 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The court may not award as a remedy the dismissal of any criminal charge.

443 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) The court may not award any remedy if the proceeding that the victim is
 444 challenging occurred more than 90 days before the day on which the victim filed an
 445 action alleging the violation of the right.

446 ~~[(4)]~~ (8) The failure to provide the rights in this chapter or [~~Title 77, Chapter 37, Victims'~~
 447 ~~Rights-~~ Chapter 37, Victims' Rights], shall not constitute cause for a judgment against the
 448 state or any government entity, or any individual employed by the state or any
 449 government entity, for monetary damages, attorney fees, or the costs of exercising any
 450 rights under this chapter.

451 (9) A defendant convicted of an offense may not bring an action or complaint concerning a
 452 violation of this chapter or Chapter 37, Victims' Rights.

453 Section 9. Section **78A-7-106** is amended to read:

454 **78A-7-106 . Jurisdiction.**

455 (1) (a) Except for an offense for which the district court has original jurisdiction under
 456 Subsection 78A-5-102(8) or an offense for which the juvenile court has original
 457 jurisdiction under Subsection 78A-6-103(1)(c), a justice court has original
 458 jurisdiction over class B and C misdemeanors, violation of ordinances, and
 459 infractions committed within the justice court's territorial jurisdiction by an
 460 individual who is 18 years old or older.

461 (b) A justice court has original jurisdiction over the following offenses committed within
 462 the justice court's territorial jurisdiction by an individual who is 18 years old or older:

463 (i) class C misdemeanor and infraction violations of Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 2,
 464 Driver Licensing Act; and

465 (ii) class B and C misdemeanor and infraction violations of:

466 (A) Title 23A, Wildlife Resources Act;

467 (B) Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;

468 (C) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code, except Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving

- 469 Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
- 470 (D) Title 41, Chapter 12a, Financial Responsibility of Motor Vehicle Owners and
471 Operators Act;
- 472 (E) Title 41, Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles;
- 473 (F) Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act, except Section 73-18-12;
- 474 (G) Title 73, Chapter 18a, Boating - Litter and Pollution Control;
- 475 (H) Title 73, Chapter 18b, Water Safety; and
- 476 (I) Title 73, Chapter 18c, Financial Responsibility of Motorboat Owners and
477 Operators Act.
- 478 (2) Except for an offense for which the district court has exclusive jurisdiction under
479 Section 78A-5-102.5 or an offense for which the juvenile court has exclusive
480 jurisdiction under Section 78A-6-103.5, a justice court has original jurisdiction over the
481 following offenses committed within the justice court's territorial jurisdiction by an
482 individual who is 16 or 17 years old:
- 483 (a) class C misdemeanor and infraction violations of Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 2, Driver
484 Licensing Act; and
- 485 (b) class B and C misdemeanor and infraction violations of:
- 486 (i) Title 23A, Wildlife Resources Act;
- 487 (ii) Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;
- 488 (iii) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code, except Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving
489 Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
- 490 (iv) Title 41, Chapter 12a, Financial Responsibility of Motor Vehicle Owners and
491 Operators Act;
- 492 (v) Title 41, Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles;
- 493 (vi) Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act, except for an offense under Section
494 73-18-12;
- 495 (vii) Title 73, Chapter 18a, Boating - Litter and Pollution Control;
- 496 (viii) Title 73, Chapter 18b, Water Safety; and
- 497 (ix) Title 73, Chapter 18c, Financial Responsibility of Motorboat Owners and
498 Operators Act.
- 499 (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "body of water" includes any stream, river, lake,
500 or reservoir, whether natural or man-made.
- 501 (b) An offense is committed within the territorial jurisdiction of a justice court if:
- 502 (i) conduct constituting an element of the offense or a result constituting an element

- 503 of the offense occurs within the court's jurisdiction, regardless of whether the
504 conduct or result is itself unlawful;
- 505 (ii) either an individual committing an offense or a victim of an offense is located
506 within the court's jurisdiction at the time the offense is committed;
- 507 (iii) either a cause of injury occurs within the court's jurisdiction or the injury occurs
508 within the court's jurisdiction;
- 509 (iv) an individual commits any act constituting an element of an inchoate offense
510 within the court's jurisdiction, including an agreement in a conspiracy;
- 511 (v) an individual solicits, aids, or abets, or attempts to solicit, aid, or abet another
512 individual in the planning or commission of an offense within the court's
513 jurisdiction;
- 514 (vi) the investigation of the offense does not readily indicate in which court's
515 jurisdiction the offense occurred, and:
- 516 (A) the offense is committed upon or in any railroad car, vehicle, watercraft, or
517 aircraft passing within the court's jurisdiction;
- 518 (B) the offense is committed on or in any body of water bordering on or within
519 this state if the territorial limits of the justice court are adjacent to the body of
520 water;
- 521 (C) an individual who commits theft exercises control over the affected property
522 within the court's jurisdiction; or
- 523 (D) the offense is committed on or near the boundary of the court's jurisdiction;
- 524 (vii) the offense consists of an unlawful communication that was initiated or received
525 within the court's jurisdiction; or
- 526 (viii) jurisdiction is otherwise specifically provided by law.
- 527 (4) If in a criminal case the defendant is 16 or 17 years old, a justice court judge may
528 transfer the case to the juvenile court for further proceedings if the justice court judge
529 determines and the juvenile court concurs that the best interests of the defendant would
530 be served by the continuing jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
- 531 (5) Justice courts have jurisdiction of small claims cases under Title 78A, Chapter 8, Small
532 Claims Courts, if a defendant resides in or the debt arose within the territorial
533 jurisdiction of the justice court.
- 534 (6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6), "domestic violence offense" means the same as
535 that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.
- 536 (b) If a justice court has jurisdiction over a criminal action involving a domestic violence

- 537 offense and the criminal action is set for trial, the prosecuting attorney or the
538 defendant may file a notice of transfer in the justice court to transfer the criminal
539 action from the justice court to the district court.
- 540 (c) If a notice of transfer is filed by the prosecuting attorney, the prosecuting attorney
541 shall certify in the notice of transfer that:
- 542 (i) the prosecuting attorney, or a representative from the prosecuting attorney's office,
543 has consulted with all alleged victims about transferring the criminal action to the
544 district court; and
- 545 (ii) an alleged victim requested the transfer of the criminal action to the district court.
- 546 (d) The justice court shall transfer a criminal action to the district court if the justice
547 court receives a notice of transfer from:
- 548 (i) the defendant as described in Subsection (6)(b); or
549 (ii) the prosecuting attorney as described in Subsection (6)(b) and the prosecuting
550 attorney's notice of intent complies with Subsection (6)(c).
- 551 ~~[(e) If a justice court receives a notice of transfer from the prosecuting attorney or the~~
552 ~~defendant as described in Subsection (6)(b), the justice court shall transfer the~~
553 ~~criminal action to the district court.]~~

554 Section 10. **Repealer.**

555 This bill repeals:

556 Section **77-37-5, Remedies -- District Victims' Rights Committee.**

557 Section 11. **Effective date.**

558 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.

559 Section 12. **Coordinating H.B. 308 with H.B. 532.**

560 If H.B. 308, Crime Victim Amendments, and H.B. 532, State Boards and
561 Commissions Modifications, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that,
562 on December 31, 2024, the following language replace Subsection 63M-7-904(3)(d)
563 enacted in H.B. 532:
564 "(d) review any action taken by a victim rights committee created in accordance with
565 Section 63M-7-1002."