

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

27 | (a) *Information concerning services available to victims*
 28 | *of adult and juvenile crime.*—As provided in s. 27.0065, state
 29 | attorneys and public defenders shall gather information
 30 | regarding the following services in the geographic boundaries of
 31 | their respective circuits and shall provide such information to
 32 | each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction within such
 33 | geographic boundaries. Law enforcement personnel shall ensure,
 34 | through distribution of a victim's rights information card or
 35 | brochure at the crime scene, during the criminal investigation,
 36 | and in any other appropriate manner, that victims are given, as
 37 | a matter of course at the earliest possible time, information
 38 | about:

39 | 1. The availability of crime victim compensation, if
 40 | applicable;

41 | 2. Crisis intervention services, supportive or bereavement
 42 | counseling, social service support referrals, and community-
 43 | based victim treatment programs;

44 | 3. The role of the victim in the criminal or juvenile
 45 | justice process, including what the victim may expect from the
 46 | system as well as what the system expects from the victim;

47 | 4. The stages in the criminal or juvenile justice process
 48 | which are of significance to the victim and the manner in which
 49 | information about such stages can be obtained;

50 | 5. The right of a victim, who is not incarcerated,

51 including the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a
52 minor, the lawful representative of the victim or of the
53 victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor, and the
54 next of kin of a homicide victim, to be informed, to be present,
55 and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of a
56 criminal or juvenile proceeding, to the extent that this right
57 does not interfere with constitutional rights of the accused, as
58 provided by s. 16(b), Art. I of the State Constitution;

59 6. In the case of incarcerated victims, the right to be
60 informed and to submit written statements at all crucial stages
61 of the criminal proceedings, parole proceedings, or juvenile
62 proceedings; ~~and~~

63 7. The right of a victim to a prompt and timely
64 disposition of the case in order to minimize the period during
65 which the victim must endure the responsibilities and stress
66 involved to the extent that this right does not interfere with
67 the constitutional rights of the accused; and

68 8. The right of a victim to employ private counsel. The
69 Florida Bar is encouraged to develop a registry of attorneys who
70 are willing to serve on a pro bono basis as advocates for crime
71 victims.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.