

Article I, Section 28 [Declaration of the rights of crime victims.]

- (1) To preserve and protect victims' rights to justice and due process, victims of crimes have these rights, as defined by law:
 - (a) To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, and to be free from harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice process;
 - (b) Upon request, to be informed of, be present at, and to be heard at important criminal justice hearings related to the victim, either in person or through a lawful representative, once a criminal information or indictment charging a crime has been publicly filed in court; and
 - (c) To have a sentencing judge, for the purpose of imposing an appropriate sentence, receive and consider, without evidentiary limitation, reliable information concerning the background, character, and conduct of a person convicted of an offense except that this subsection does not apply to capital cases or situations involving privileges.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a cause of action for money damages, costs, or attorney's fees, or for dismissing any criminal charge, or relief from any criminal judgment.
- (3) The provisions of this section shall extend to all felony crimes and such other crimes or acts, including juvenile offenses, as the Legislature may provide.
- (4) The Legislature shall have the power to enforce and define this section by statute.