

**Senator D. Edgar Allen** proposes to substitute the following bill:

**VICTIM REPRESENTATION AT AN EXECUTION**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: D. Edgar Allen**

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF RELATIVES OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VICTIM AT THE EXECUTION OF THE OFFENDER; AND AMENDING PROVISIONS REGARDING ATTENDANCE OF THE PRESS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**77-19-11**, as last amended by Chapter 113, Laws of Utah 1996

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **77-19-11** is amended to read:

**77-19-11. Who may be present -- Photographic and recording equipment.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Close relative of the deceased victim" means:

(i) the spouse of the victim;

(ii) a parent or stepparent of the victim;

(iii) a brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, child, or stepchild of the victim; and

(iv) any person who had a close relationship with the deceased victim, or with a close relative of the victim, upon the recommendation of the victim assistance coordinator for the Department of Corrections or for the Office of the Attorney General.

(b) "Director" means the executive director of the Department of Corrections, or the director's designee.

~~[(1)]~~ (2) At the discretion of the ~~[executive]~~ director ~~[of the Department of Corrections or~~

26 his designee], the following persons may attend the execution:

27 (a) the prosecuting attorney, or [his] a designated deputy, of the county in which the  
28 defendant committed the offense for which he is being executed;

29 (b) no more than two law enforcement officials from the county in which the defendant  
30 committed the offense for which he is being executed;

31 (c) the attorney general or [~~his designated deputy~~] a designee; [and]

32 (d) religious representatives, friends, or relatives designated by the defendant, not  
33 exceeding a total of five persons[-]; and

34 (e) no more than five close relatives of the deceased victim, as selected by the director, but  
35 giving priority in the order listed in Subsection (1)(a).

36 [(2)] (3) The persons [enumerated] listed in Subsection (2) may not be required to attend,  
37 nor may any of them attend as a matter of right.

38 [(3)] (4) The [executive] director [of the department or his designee] shall permit the  
39 attendance at the execution of [a total of nine] members of the press and broadcast news media:

40 (a) as named by the [executive] director [of the department] in accordance with rules of  
41 the department[-; provided that]; and

42 (b) with the agreement of the selected news media members that they serve as a pool for  
43 other members of the news media [as a condition of attendance].

44 [(4)] (5) (a) Photographic or recording equipment is not permitted at the execution site  
45 until the execution is completed, the body is removed, and the site has been restored to an orderly  
46 condition. However, the physical arrangements for the execution may not be disturbed.

47 (b) A violation of this subsection is a class B misdemeanor.

48 [(5)] (6) All persons in attendance are subject to reasonable search as a condition of  
49 attendance.

50 [(6)] (7) (a) The following persons may also attend the execution:

51 (i) staff as determined [necessary for the execution] by the [executive] director [of the  
52 department or his designee]; and

53 (ii) no more than three correctional officials from other states that are preparing for  
54 executions, but no more than two correctional officials may be from any one state, as designated  
55 by the [executive] director [of the department or his designee].

56 (b) [Any] A person younger than 18 years of age may not attend.

57            [~~(7)~~] (8) The department shall adopt rules governing the attendance of persons, including  
58 the number of media representatives, at the execution. These rules shall be in accordance with this  
59 section.