

Senate Bill 232

By: Senators Crane of the 28th, Unterman of the 45th, McKoon of the 29th and Harper of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-17-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 notification by prosecuting attorney of legal procedures and of victim's rights in relation  
3 thereto, so as to provide for notification regarding certain assistance available pursuant to  
4 federal law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 17-17-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notification by  
8 prosecuting attorney of legal procedures and of victim's rights in relation thereto, is amended  
9 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) Upon initial contact with a victim, a prosecuting attorney shall give prompt  
11 notification to the victim of the following:

12 (1) The procedural steps in processing a criminal case, including the right to restitution;

13 (2) The rights and procedures of victims under this chapter;

14 (3) Suggested procedures if the victim is subjected to threats or intimidation;

15 (4) The names and telephone numbers of contact persons at both the office of the  
16 custodial authority and in the prosecuting attorney's office; ~~and~~

17 (5) The names and telephone numbers of contact persons at the office of the  
18 investigating agency where the victim may make application for the return of any of the  
19 victim's property that was taken during the course of the investigation, as provided by  
20 Code Section 17-5-50; and

21 (6) Information regarding protection and assistance available pursuant to the federal  
22 Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 22 U.S.C. Chapter 78, including immigration  
23 information."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.