

House Bill 133

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 17 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, so as to provide for judicial verifications of victim  
3 notifications that are required pursuant to the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 17 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Crime  
8 Victims' Bill of Rights, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "17-17-5.2.

10 The judge of a court conducting a judicial proceeding in which a notification to the victim  
11 is required under this chapter shall inquire of the prosecuting attorney at the  
12 commencement of such judicial proceeding whether such notification to the victim has  
13 been made. The prosecuting attorney shall, where necessary, gather information from  
14 criminal justice agencies and be prepared for the court's inquiry. If such notification to the  
15 victim has been made, the court shall inquire whether the victim will be participating in the  
16 proceeding. If such notification to the victim has not been made, the court shall inquire of

17 the reasons for such failure and, where the court deems necessary for the fulfillment of the  
18 purposes of this chapter, direct the prosecuting attorney to remedy the failure of  
19 notification."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.