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Fiscal Note On: **HB 160** HLS 23RS 536
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Victims Rights of Alleged Delinquent Acts		

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 Provides relative to rights of victims of alleged delinquent acts

Current law provides that courts should provide secure waiting areas in cases involving violent crime and during court proceedings that do not require victims and their legal representatives be in close proximity to accused children and their families and friends. Proposed law amends current law to mandate that the victim or designated member of the victim’s family has the right to be present at all court proceedings in cases involving homicide or injury to a minor and, when practical, be allowed to observe the proceedings by simultaneous transmission through audiovisual equipment, if the technology is available in the courtroom.

Current law also provides a litany of other rights applicable to victims of alleged delinquent acts. Proposed law amends current law by removing the requirement that district attorneys prosecuting felony-grade offenses receive input from the victim or victim’s family; raises the age of a juvenile crime victim from 17 to 18 years of age; expands the definition of “victim’s family”; modifies the disclosure of information regarding proceedings, including identifying information; and provides for the presence and exclusion of witnesses at adjudication hearings. Proposed law becomes effective January 1, 2024.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law’s requirement that a victim or designated member of the victim’s family be allowed (in a case involving homicide or injury of a minor) to observe juvenile court proceedings by simultaneous transmission through audiovisual equipment is optional and only imposed on courts if such technology is available.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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