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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 109.42, 2152.20, 2305.10, 2305.111, 2317.02, 2929.18, 2929.20, 2929.22, 2929.28, 2930.01,2930.02, 2930.05, 2930.06, 2930.07, 2930.08, 2930.09, 2930.13,2930.14, 2930.17, 2930.19, 2947.051, and 2967.19 be amended and sections 2152.203, 2929.281, 2930.071, and 2930.171 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.42. (A) The attorney general shall prepare and have printed a pamphlet that contains a compilation of all constitutional provisions and statutes relative to victim's rights in which the attorney general lists and explains the statutes in the form of a victim's bill of rights. This pamphlet shall also include the multi-copy form provided to victims by law enforcement pursuant to Sec. 2930.04. The attorney general shall distribute the pamphlet to all sheriffs, marshals, municipal corporation and township police departments, constables, and other law enforcement agencies, to all prosecuting attorneys, city directors of law, village solicitors, and other similar

chief legal officers of municipal corporations, and to organizations that represent or provide services for victims of crime. The victim's bill of rights set forth in the pamphlet shall contain a description of all of the rights of victims that are provided for in the Ohio constitution, in Chapter 2930., or in any other section of the Revised Code and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The right of a victim or a victim's representative to attend a proceeding before a grand jury, in a juvenile case, or in a criminal case pursuant to a subpoena without being discharged from the victim's or representative's employment, having the victim's or representative's employment terminated, having the victim's or representative's pay decreased or withheld, or otherwise being punished, penalized, or threatened as a result of time lost from regular employment because of the victim's or representative's attendance at the proceeding pursuant to the subpoena, as set forth in section 2151.211, 2930.18, 2939.121, or 2945.451 of the Revised Code;
- (2) The potential availability pursuant to section 2151.359 or 2152.61 of the Revised Code of a forfeited recognizance to pay damages caused by a child when the delinquency of the child or child's violation of probation or community control is found to be proximately caused by the failure of the child's parent or guardian to subject the child to reasonable parental authority or to faithfully discharge the conditions of probation or community control;

- (3) The availability of awards of reparations pursuant to sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code for injuries caused by criminal offenses;
- (4) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases or a victim's representative to receive, pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.06 of the Revised Code, notice of the date, time, and place of the trial or delinquency proceeding in the case or, if there will not be a trial or delinquency proceeding, information from the prosecutor, as defined in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, regarding the disposition of the case;
- (5) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases or a victim's representative to receive, pursuant to section 2930.04, 2930.05, or 2930.06 of the Revised Code, notice of the name of the person charged with the violation, the case or docket number assigned to the charge, and a telephone number or numbers that can be called to obtain information about the disposition of the case;
- (6) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases or of the victim's representative pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.13 or 2930.14 of the Revised Code, subject to any reasonable terms set by the court as authorized under section 2930.14 of the Revised Code, to make a statement about the victimization and, if applicable, a statement relative to the sentencing or disposition of the offender;
- (7) The opportunity to obtain a court order, pursuant to section 2945.04 of the Revised Code, to prevent or stop the commission of the offense of

intimidation of a crime victim or witness or an offense against the person or property of the complainant, or of the complainant's ward or child;

- (8) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases or a victim's representative pursuant to the Ohio constitution and sections 2151.38, 2929.20, 2930.10, 2930.16, and 2930.17 of the Revised Code to receive notice of a pending motion for judicial release, release pursuant to section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, or other early release of the person who committed the offense against the victim, to make an oral or written statement at the court hearing on the motion, and to be notified of the court's decision on the motion;
- (9) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases or a victim's representative pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.16, 2967.12, 2967.26, or 5139.56 of the Revised Code to receive notice of any pending commutation, pardon, parole, transitional control, discharge, other form of authorized release, post-release control, or supervised release for the person who committed the offense against the victim or any application for release of that person and to send a written statement relative to the victimization and the pending action to the adult parole authority or the release authority of the department of youth services;
- (10) The right of the victim to bring a civil action pursuant to sections 2969.01 to 2969.06 of the Revised Code to obtain money from the offender's profit fund;
- (11) The right, pursuant to section 3109.09 of the Revised Code, to maintain a civil action to recover compensatory damages not exceeding ten thousand dollars

and costs from the parent of a minor who willfully damages property through the commission of an act that would be a theft offense, as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, if committed by an adult;

- (12) The right, pursuant to section 3109.10 of the Revised Code, to maintain a civil action to recover compensatory damages not exceeding ten thousand dollars and costs from the parent of a minor who willfully and maliciously assaults a person;
- victim, pursuant to section 2152.20, 2152.203, 2929.18, 2929.28, or 2929.281 of the Revised Code, to receive restitution from an offender or a delinquent child pursuant to section 2152.20, 2929.18, or 2929.28 of the Revised Code or juvenile traffic offender and, if the court imposes one or more financial sanctions in addition to restitution, to have any amounts paid by the offender, delinquent child, or juvenile traffic offender credited first to restitution;
- (14) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases or a victim's representative, pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.16 of the Revised Code, to receive notice of the escape from confinement or custody of the person who committed the offense, to receive that notice from the custodial agency of the person at the victim's last address or telephone number provided to the custodial agency, and to receive notice that, if either the victim's address or telephone number changes, it is in the victim's interest to provide the new address or telephone number to the custodial agency;

- (15) The right of a victim of domestic violence to seek the issuance of a civil protection order pursuant to section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, the right of a victim of a violation of section 2903.14, 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.12, 2911.211, or 2919.22 of the Revised Code, a violation of a substantially similar municipal ordinance, or an offense of violence who is a family or household member of the offender at the time of the offense to seek the issuance of a temporary protection order pursuant to section 2919.26 of the Revised Code, and the right of both types of victims to be accompanied by a victim advocate during court proceedings;
- (16) The right of a victim of a sexually oriented offense or of a child-victim oriented offense that is committed by a person who is convicted of, pleads quilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the offense and who is in a category specified in division (B) of section 2950.10 of the Revised Code to receive, pursuant to that section, notice that the person has registered with a sheriff under section 2950.04, 2950.041, or 2950.05 of the Revised Code and notice of the person's name, the person's residence that is registered, and the offender's school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or addresses that are registered, the person's photograph, and a summary of the manner in which the victim must make a request to receive the notice. As used in this division, "sexually oriented offense" and "child-victim oriented offense" have the same meanings as in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code.
- (17) The right of a victim of certain sexually violent offenses committed by an offender who also is

convicted of or pleads quilty to a sexually violent predator specification and who is sentenced to a prison term pursuant to division (A)(3) of section 2971.03 of the Revised Code, of a victim of a violation of division (A)(1)(b) of section 2907.02 of the Revised Code committed on or after January 2, 2007, by an offender who is sentenced for the violation pursuant to division (B)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of section 2971.03 of the Revised Code, of a victim of an attempted rape committed on or after January 2, 2007, by an offender who also is convicted of or pleads quilty to a specification of the type described in section 2941.1418, 2941.1419, or 2941.1420 of the Revised Code and is sentenced for the violation pursuant to division (B)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of section 2971.03 of the Revised Code, and of a victim of an offense that is described in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of section 2971.03 of the Revised Code and is committed by an offender who is sentenced pursuant to one of those divisions to receive, pursuant to section 2930.16 of the Revised Code, notice of a hearing to determine whether to modify the requirement that the offender serve the entire prison term in a state correctional facility, whether to continue, revise, or revoke any existing modification of that requirement, or whether to terminate the prison term. As used in this division, "sexually violent offense" and "sexually violent predator specification" have the same meanings as in section 2971.01 of the Revised Code.

(18) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.08 of the Revised Code to proceedings free

from unreasonable delay and a prompt conclusion of the
case;

- (19) The right of the victim in certain criminal or juvenile cases pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.09 of the Revised Code to be present and be heard at any public proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole, or in any public proceeding in which a right of the victim is implicated;
- ivenile cases pursuant to the Ohio constitution and section 2930.19 of the Revised Code to be represented by retained counsel and the right of the victim or counsel to assert, or to challenge an order denying, the rights of the victim as provided by law. Nothing in this statute creates a right to counsel at public expense for a victim;
- (21) The right of victims in certain criminal or juvenile cases pursuant to section 2930.071 of the Revised Code generally to the confidentiality of the victim's name, address, or other identifying information and for any documents pertaining to the case to use a pseudonym, abbreviation, or indefinite description of the victim.
- in certain criminal or juvenile cases to receive, pursuant to section 2930.171 of the Revised Code, notice of an application to seal the applicable record of conviction or to seal or expunge the applicable juvenile record and to make a statement at the hearing on the matter.
- (B)(1)(a) Subject to division (B)(1)(c) of this section, a prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, city director of law, assistant city director of law, village solicitor, assistant village solicitor, or

similar chief legal officer of a municipal corporation or an assistant of any of those officers who prosecutes an offense committed in this state, upon first contact with the victim of the offense, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents, shall give the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents a copy of the pamphlet prepared pursuant to division (A) of this section and explain, upon request, the information in the pamphlet to the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents.

- (b) Subject to division (B)(1)(c) of this section, a law enforcement agency that investigates an offense or delinquent act committed in this state shall give the victim of the offense or delinquent act, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents a copy of the pamphlet prepared pursuant to division (A) of this section at one of the following times:
- (i) Upon first contact with the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents;
- (ii) If the offense or delinquent act is an offense of violence, if the circumstances of the offense or delinquent act and the condition of the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents indicate that the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents will not be able to understand the significance of the pamphlet upon first contact with the agency, and if the agency anticipates that it will have an additional contact with the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents, upon the agency's second contact with the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents.

If the agency does not give the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents a copy of the pamphlet upon first contact with them and does not have a second contact with the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents, the agency shall mail a copy of the pamphlet to the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents at their last known address.

- (c) In complying on and after December 9, 1994, with the duties imposed by division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, an official or a law enforcement agency shall use copies of the pamphlet that are in the official's or agency's possession on December 9, 1994, until the official or agency has distributed all of those copies. After the official or agency has distributed all of those copies, the official or agency shall use only copies of the pamphlet that contain at least the information described in divisions (A)(1) to (17) of this section.
- (2) The failure of a law enforcement agency or of a prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, city director of law, assistant city director of law, village solicitor, assistant village solicitor, or similar chief legal officer of a municipal corporation or an assistant to any of those officers to give, as required by division (B)(1) of this section, the victim of an offense or delinquent act, the victim's family, or the victim's dependents a copy of the pamphlet prepared pursuant to division (Λ) of this section does not give the victim, the victim's family, the victim's dependents, or a victim's representative any rights under section 2743.51 to 2743.72, 2945.04, 2967.12, 2969.01 to 2969.06, 3109.09, or 3109.10 of the Revised Code or under any other provision

of the Revised Code and does not affect any right under

- (3) A law enforcement agency, a prosecuting attorney or assistant prosecuting attorney, or a city director of law, assistant city director of law, village solicitor, assistant village solicitor, or similar chief legal officer of a municipal corporation that distributes a copy of the pamphlet prepared pursuant to division (A) of this section shall not be required to distribute a copy of an information card or other printed material provided by the clerk of the court of claims pursuant to section 2743.71 of the Revised Code.
- (C) The cost of printing and distributing the pamphlet prepared pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be paid out of the reparations fund, created pursuant to section 2743.191 of the Revised Code, in accordance with division (D) of that section.
 - (D) As used in this section:
- (1) "Victim's representative" has the same meaning as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code;
- (2) "Victim advocate" has the same meaning as in section 2919.26 of the Revised Code.
- **Sec. 2152.20.** (A) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender, the court may order any of the following dispositions, in addition to any other disposition authorized or required by this chapter:
- (1) Impose a fine in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (a) For an act that would be a minor misdemeanor or

an unclassified misdemeanor if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed fifty dollars;

- (b) For an act that would be a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars;
- (c) For an act that would be a misdemeanor of the third degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars;
- (d) For an act that would be a misdemeanor of the second degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars;
- (e) For an act that would be a misdemeanor of the first degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars;
- (f) For an act that would be a felony of the fifth degree or an unclassified felony if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars;
- (g) For an act that would be a felony of the fourth degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed four hundred dollars:
- (h) For an act that would be a felony of the third degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars;
- (i) For an act that would be a felony of the second degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars;
- (j) For an act that would be a felony of the first degree if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars;
- (k) For an act that would be aggravated murder or murder if committed by an adult, a fine not to exceed two

thousand dollars.

- (2) Require the child to pay costs;
- (3) Unless the child's delinquent act or juvenile traffic offense would be a minor misdemeanor if committed by an adult or could be disposed of by the juvenile traffic violations bureau serving the court under Traffic Rule 13.1 if the court has established a juvenile traffic violations bureau, require the child to make restitution to the victim of the child's delinquent act or juvenile traffic offense or, if the victim is deceased, to a survivor of the victim in an amount based upon the victim's economic loss caused by or related to the delinquent act or juvenile traffic offense. The court may not require a child to make restitution pursuant to this division if the child's delinquent act or juvenile traffic offense would be a minor misdemeanor if committed by an adult or could be disposed of by the juvenile traffic violations bureau serving the court under Traffic Rule 13.1 if the court has established a juvenile traffic violations bureau. If the court requires restitution under this division, the restitution shall be made directly to the victim in open court or to the probation department that serves the jurisdiction or the clerk of courts on behalf of the victim.

If the court requires restitution under this division, the restitution may be in the form of a cash reimbursement paid in a lump sum or in installments, the performance of repair work to restore any damaged property to its original condition, the performance of a reasonable amount of labor for the victim or survivor of the victim, the performance of community service work, any other form

of restitution devised by the court, or any combination of the previously described forms of restitution.

If the court requires restitution under this division, the court may base the restitution order on an amount recommended by the victim or survivor of the victim, the delinquent child, the juvenile traffic offender, a presentence investigation report, estimates or receipts indicating the cost of repairing or replacing property, and any other information, provided that the The victim, victim's attorney, or the prosecuting attorney, upon the request of the victim, or the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender may present evidence relevant to the determination of the amount of restitution. The amount the court orders as restitution shall not exceed the amount of the economic loss suffered by the victim as a direct and proximate result of the delinquent act or juvenile traffic offense. If the court decides to or is required to order restitution under this division and the amount of the restitution is disputed by the victim or survivor or by the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender, the court shall hold a hearing on the restitution. If the court requires restitution under this division, the court shall determine, or order the determination of, the amount of restitution to be paid by the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender Whether or not the court holds a hearing, the court shall determine the amount of full restitution by a preponderance of the evidence. All restitution payments shall be credited against any recovery of economic loss in a civil action brought by or on behalf of the victim against the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender

or the delinquent child's or juvenile traffic offender's parent, quardian, or other custodian.

If the court requires restitution under this division, the court may order that the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender pay a surcharge, in an amount not exceeding five per cent of the amount of restitution otherwise ordered under this division, to the entity responsible for collecting and processing the restitution payments.

The victim or the survivor of the victim may request that the prosecuting authority file a motion, or the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender may file a motion, for modification of the payment terms of any restitution ordered under this division. If the court grants the motion, it may modify the payment terms as it determines appropriate.

- (4) Require the child to reimburse any or all of the costs incurred for services or sanctions provided or imposed, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) All or part of the costs of implementing any community control imposed as a disposition under section 2152.19 of the Revised Code, including a supervision fee;
- (b) All or part of the costs of confinement in a residential facility described in section 2152.19 of the Revised Code or in a department of youth services institution, including, but not limited to, a per diem fee for room and board, the costs of medical and dental treatment provided, and the costs of repairing property the delinquent child damaged while so confined. The amount of reimbursement ordered for a child under this division shall not exceed the total amount of reimbursement the

child is able to pay as determined at a hearing and shall not exceed the actual cost of the confinement. The court may collect any reimbursement ordered under this division. If the court does not order reimbursement under this division, confinement costs may be assessed pursuant to a repayment policy adopted under section 2929.37 of the Revised Code and division (D) of section 307.93, division (A) of section 341.19, division (C) of section 341.23 or 753.16, division (C) of section 2301.56, or division (B) of section 341.14, 753.02, 753.04, or 2947.19 of the Revised Code.

- (B) Chapter 2981. of the Revised Code applies to a child who is adjudicated a delinquent child for violating section 2923.32 or 2923.42 of the Revised Code or for committing an act that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony drug abuse offense.
- (C) The court may hold a hearing if necessary to determine whether a child is able to pay a sanction under this section.
- (D) If a child who is adjudicated a delinquent child is indigent, the court shall consider imposing a term of community service under division (A) of section 2152.19 of the Revised Code in lieu of imposing a financial sanction under this section. If a child who is adjudicated a delinquent child is not indigent, the court may impose a term of community service under that division in lieu of, or in addition to, imposing a financial sanction under this section, except that the court may not impose a term of community service in lieu of restitution for an act that would be a crime, as defined in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, if committed by an adult, or if the

victim did not request the court to impose a term of community service in lieu of restitution. The court may order community service for an act that if committed by an adult would be a minor misdemeanor.

If a child fails to pay a financial sanction imposed under this section, the court may impose a term of community service in lieu of the sanction.

- (E) The clerk of the court, or another person authorized by law or by the court to collect a financial sanction imposed under this section, may do any of the following:
- (1) Enter into contracts with one or more public agencies or private vendors for the collection of the amounts due under the financial sanction, which amounts may include interest from the date of imposition of the financial sanction;
- (2) Permit payment of all, or any portion of, the financial sanction in installments, by credit or debit card, by another type of electronic transfer, or by any other reasonable method, within any period of time, and on any terms that the court considers just, except that the maximum time permitted for payment shall not exceed five years. The clerk may pay any fee associated with processing an electronic transfer out of public money and may charge the fee to the delinquent child.
- (3) To defray administrative costs, charge a reasonable fee to a child who elects a payment plan rather than a lump sum payment of a financial sanction.
- (F) If the court imposes one or more financial sanctions in addition to restitution, any amount paid by the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender shall be

- Sec. 2152.203. (A) As used in this section, "crime" and "crime victim service organization" have the same meanings as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code.
- (B) (1) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for committing an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult and restitution is a mandatory part of the disposition of the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender, the court, on motion of the prosecuting attorney or on its own motion, may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a performance bond, or take any other action to preserve the availability of property that may be necessary to satisfy an anticipated restitution order if it is demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a substantial likelihood that the property with respect to which the order is sought will be necessary to satisfy an anticipated restitution order.
- (2) The court may issue an order under division

 (B) (1) of this section without notice to the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender if the court determines that notice would jeopardize the availability of the property to satisfy an order of restitution. If the court issues an order under division (B) (1) of this section without notice to the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender, the court shall promptly notify the child or offender of the order and shall schedule a hearing to be held as soon as practicable but not more than ten days after the order is issued.
 - (3) An order issued under division (B)(1) of this

section shall not remain in effect for longer than ninety days unless it is renewed upon motion of the prosecuting attorney or the court.

(C) In a proceeding in which restitution is a mandatory part of the disposition of the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender, the victim may request that no restitution or less than full restitution be ordered or that the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender make restitution by means other than the payment of money. The court shall consider but is not required to grant a request made by a victim under this division.

(D) (C) In determining the amount of restitution under this section, the court, subject to division (C) of this section, shall order full restitution for any past or future expenses related to a victim's economic loss due to the delinquent act or juvenile traffic offense. suffered by the victim. The court shall not consider the delinquent child's or juvenile traffic offender's present or future ability to pay restitution. The amount of restitution shall not be reduced by any payments to the victim for economic or other loss made or due under a policy of insurance or governmental program. If, at the time the court determines the amount of restitution, an insurance company or governmental entity has made payments to the victim for losses suffered as a result of the act that would be a crime if committed by an adult, the amounts of those payments that are included in restitution shall be paid to the insurance company or governmental entity. A pending insurance or governmental program claim made by a victim shall not delay a payment of restitution as ordered by the court. Past and future economic loss includes, but

is not limited to:

- (1) Full or partial payment for the value of stolen or damaged property. The value of stolen or damaged property shall be the replacement cost of the property, or the actual cost of repairing the property when repair is possible;
 - (2) Medical expenses;
 - (3) Mental health counseling expenses;
- victim, and if the victim is a minor, wages or profits
 lost by the minor's parent(s) or guardian(s), while caring
 for the injured minor. Lost wages include commission
 income as well as base wages. Commission income shall be
 established by evidence of commission income during the
 12-month period prior to the date of the crime for which
 restitution is being ordered, unless good cause for a
 shorter time period is shown;
- (5) Wages or profits lost by the victim, and if the victim is a minor, wages or profits lost by the minor's parent(s) or guardian(s), due to time spent as a witness or assisting the police and prosecution. Lost wages include commission income as well as base wages.

 Commission income shall be established by evidence of commission income during the 12-month period prior to the date of the crime for which restitution is being ordered, unless good cause for a shorter time period is shown;
- (6) Noneconomic losses, including, but not limited to, psychological harm for violent felony and misdemeanor crimes;
- (7) Actual and reasonable attorney fees and other costs of collection accrued by a private entity on behalf

of a victim;

- (8) Expenses incurred by an adult victim in relocating away from a delinquent child, including but not limited to, deposits for utilities, deposits for rental housing, temporary lodging and food expenses, clothing and personal items. Expenses incurred pursuant to this section shall be verified by law enforcement to be necessary for the personal safety of the victim or by a mental health treatment provider to be necessary for the emotional well-being of the victim;
- (9) Expenses to install or increase residential security incurred related to violent felony and misdemeanor cases, including but not limited to, a home security device or system, replacement or addition of locks;
- (10) Expenses relating to making a vehicle or residence accessible to the victim, if the victim is permanently disabled, either partial or total, as a direct result of the crime;
- (11) Expenses for a period of time reasonably necessary to make the victim whole, for the costs to monitor the credit report of, and for the costs to repair the credit of, a victim of identity theft or financial exploitation.
- (E) (D) The court may order that restitution be made by a single lump sum payment, partial payments at specified intervals, in-kind payments, or a combination of payments at specified intervals and in-kind payments. The length of time over which scheduled payments are established shall be the shortest time in which full payment reasonably can be made. In-kind payments may be in

the form of the return of property, replacement of property, or if the victim agrees, services rendered to the victim or a person or organization other than the victim. The court may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a satisfactory performance bond, or take any other action to ensure payment of restitution.

- (F) (E) Any money owed by the state or by a political subdivision of the state to a delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender who is required to make restitution under this section, including any tax refund owed to the child or offender, shall be assigned first to the discharge of the child's or offender's outstanding restitution obligation.
- (G) (F) If a delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender is required to make restitution under this section in the form of monetary payments to more than one victim, the child or offender shall make the payments to the victims in the following order of priority:
 - (1) Individuals;
- (2) Victims in prior cases involving the same delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender and in which victim restitution orders were issued;
 - (3) Nonprofit organizations;
 - (4) Business entities;
 - (5) Governmental entities.
- (H)(G) A court that orders restitution as part of a delinquent child's or juvenile traffic offender's disposition under this section shall not suspend that part of the disposition unless the victim requests that the restitution part of the disposition be suspended. If the

court suspends any other part of the delinquent child's or juvenile traffic offender's disposition, the child's or offender's payment of restitution in accordance with the disposition shall be a condition of the suspended part of the disposition.

- (I) (H) A restitution obligation imposed pursuant to this section is not subject to discharge in bankruptcy or to any other statutory or common-law proceeding for relief against creditors, except to the extent required by federal law.
- (I) A restitution obligation imposed by a court does not expire until paid in full. The court retains jurisdiction over the restitution order until the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender attains the age of twenty-one (21) and the obligation shall continue to be enforceable by a victim until the obligation is satisfied or the child turns twenty-one (21).
- pursuant to an order of restitution cannot be paid or delivered to the victim, victim's estate, or survivor within sixty days, the person or agency that receives the money or property shall provide written notice of that inability of payment or delivery to a crime victim service organization at least sixty days prior to paying the money or delivering the property under this division. If the money or property cannot be paid or delivered to the victim or the victim's estate after the expiration of sixty days from service of the notice under this division, the person or agency that received the money or property shall pay or deliver it to the Ohio Department of Unclaimed Funds.reparations fund created by section

2743.191 of the Revised Code or to a crime victim service organization as determined under division (J)(2) of this section.

(2) The court shall determine annually whether any money or property that cannot be paid or delivered to any victim or any victim's estate as provided in division

(J) (1) of this section in any proceeding before the court be paid or delivered to the Ohio Department of Unclaimed Funds. reparations fund or to a crime victim service organization.

Sec. 2152.81 Deposing child victim.

- (A) (1) As used in this section, "victim" includes any of the following persons:
- (a) A person who was a victim of a violation identified in division (A)(2) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult;
- (b) A person against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or that is an element of, a violation identified in division (A)(2) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult.
- (2) In any proceeding in juvenile court involving a complaint, indictment, or information in which a child is charged with a violation of section 2905.03, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, or 2919.22 of the Revised Code or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult and in which an alleged victim of the violation or act was a child who was less than thirteen sixteen

years of age when the complaint or information was filed or the indictment was returned, the juvenile judge, upon motion of an attorney for the prosecution or victim's attorney, shall order that the testimony of the child victim be taken by deposition. The prosecution or victim's attorney also may request that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with division (A) (3) of this section. The judge shall notify the child victim whose deposition is to be taken, the prosecution, the victim's attorney, and the attorney for the child who is charged with the violation or act of the date, time, and place for taking the deposition. The notice shall identify the child victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), who is to be examined and shall indicate whether a request that the deposition be videotaped has been made. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall have the right to attend the deposition and the right to be represented by counsel. Depositions shall be taken in the manner provided in civil cases, except that the judge in the proceeding shall preside at the taking of the deposition and shall rule at that time on any objections of the prosecution, the victim's attorney, or the attorney for the child charged with the violation or act. The prosecution and the attorney for the child charged with the violation or act shall have the right, as at an adjudication hearing, to full examination and crossexamination of the child victim whose deposition is to be taken. If a deposition taken under this division is intended to be offered as evidence in the proceeding, it shall be filed in the juvenile court in which the action is pending and is admissible in the manner described in

division (B) of this section. If a deposition of a child victim taken under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding under division (B) of this section, the child victim shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. However, at any time before the conclusion of the proceeding, the attorney for the child charged with the violation or act may file a motion with the judge requesting that another deposition of the child victim be taken because new evidence material to the defense of the child charged has been discovered that the attorney for the child charged could not with reasonable diligence have discovered prior to the taking of the admitted deposition. Any motion requesting another deposition shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits. Upon the filing of the motion and affidavits, the court may order that additional testimony of the child victim relative to the new evidence be taken by another deposition. If the court orders the taking of another deposition under this provision, the deposition shall be taken in accordance with this division; if the admitted deposition was a videotaped deposition taken in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section, the new deposition also shall be videotaped in accordance with that division, and, in other cases, the new deposition may be videotaped in accordance with that division.

(3) If the prosecution or the victim's attorney, requests that a deposition to be taken under division

(A) (2) of this section be videotaped, the juvenile judge shall order that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with this division. If a juvenile judge issues an order to video tape the deposition, the judge shall

exclude from the room in which the deposition is to be taken every person except the child victim giving the testimony, the judge, one or more interpreters if needed, the attorneys for the prosecution, the victim, and the child who is charged with the violation or act, any person needed to operate the equipment to be used, one person chosen by the child victim giving the deposition, and any person whose presence the judge determines would contribute to the welfare and well-being of the child victim giving the deposition. The person chosen by the child victim shall not be a witness in the proceeding and, both before and during the deposition, shall not discuss the testimony of the child victim with any other witness in the proceeding. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be restricted to a room adjacent to the room in which the deposition is being taken, or to a location in the room in which the deposition is being taken that is behind a screen or mirror so that the person operating the recording equipment can see and hear, but cannot be seen or heard by, the child victim giving the deposition during the deposition. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the child victim giving the deposition on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the child who is charged with the violation or act during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the child who is charged with the violation or act cannot be seen or heard by the child victim giving the deposition, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The child victim

giving the deposition shall be provided with a monitor on which the child victim can observe, while giving testimony, the child who is charged with the violation or act. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside at the deposition by electronic means from outside the room in which the deposition is to be taken; if the judge presides by electronic means, the judge shall be provided with monitors on which the judge can see each person in the room in which the deposition is to be taken and with an electronic means of communication with each person in that room, and each person in the room shall be provided with a monitor on which that person can see the judge and with an electronic means of communication with the judge. A deposition that is videotaped under this division shall be taken and filed in the manner described in division (A)(2) of this section and is admissible in the manner described in this division and division (B) of this section, and, if a deposition that is videotaped under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding, the child victim shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. No deposition videotaped under this division shall be admitted as evidence at any proceeding unless division (B) of this section is satisfied relative to the deposition and all of the following apply relative to the recording:

- (a) The recording is both aural and visual and is recorded on film or videotape, or by other electronic means.
- (b) The recording is authenticated under the Rules of Evidence and the Rules of Criminal Procedure as a fair and accurate representation of what occurred, and the

recording is not altered other than at the direction and under the supervision of the judge in the proceeding.

- (c) Each voice on the recording that is material to the testimony on the recording or the making of the recording, as determined by the judge, is identified.
- (d) Both the prosecution and the child who is charged with the violation or act are afforded an opportunity to view the recording before it is shown in the proceeding.
- (B) (1) At any proceeding in relation to which a deposition was taken under division (A) of this section, the deposition or a part of it is admissible in evidence upon motion of the prosecution if the testimony in the deposition or the part to be admitted is not excluded by the hearsay rule and if the deposition or the part to be admitted otherwise is admissible under the Rules of Evidence. For purposes of this division, testimony is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the testimony is not hearsay under Evidence Rule 801; if the testimony is within an exception to the hearsay rule set forth in Evidence Rule 803; if the child victim who gave the testimony is unavailable as a witness, as defined in Evidence Rule 804, and the testimony is admissible under that rule; or if both of the following apply:
- (a) The child who is charged with the violation or act had an opportunity and similar motive at the time of the taking of the deposition to develop the testimony by direct, cross, or redirect examination.
- (b) The judge determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that, if the child victim who gave the testimony in the deposition were to testify in person at

the proceeding, the child victim would experience serious emotional trauma as a result of the child victim's participation at the proceeding.

- (2) Objections to receiving in evidence a deposition or a part of it under division (B) of this section shall be made as provided in civil actions.
- (3) The provisions of divisions (A) and (B) of this section are in addition to any other provisions of the Revised Code, the Rules of Juvenile Procedure, the Rules of Criminal Procedure, or the Rules of Evidence that pertain to the taking or admission of depositions in a juvenile court proceeding and do not limit the admissibility under any of those other provisions of any deposition taken under division (A) of this section or otherwise taken.
- (C) In any proceeding in juvenile court involving a complaint, indictment, or information in which a child is charged with a violation listed in division (A)(2) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a child who was less than thirteen sixteen years of age when the complaint or information was filed or indictment was returned, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the juvenile judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the child victim to be taken in a room other than the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be televised, by closed circuit equipment, into the room in which the proceeding is being conducted to be viewed by the child who is charged with the violation or act and any other persons who are not permitted in the

room in which the testimony is to be taken but who would have been present during the testimony of the child victim had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney, shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The juvenile judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney, filed under this division, if the judge determines that the child victim is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the child charged with the violation or act, due to one or more of the reasons set forth in division (E) of this section. If a juvenile judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (A)(3) of this section. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside during the giving of the testimony by electronic means from outside the room in which it is being given, subject to the limitations set forth in division (A)(3) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the televising equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the child victim giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (A)(3) of this section. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the child victim giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the child who is charged with the violation or act during the testimony,

and shall be restricted to a location from which the child who is charged with the violation or act cannot be seen or heard by the child victim giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The child victim giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the child victim can observe, while giving testimony, the child who is charged with the violation or act.

(D) In any proceeding in juvenile court involving a complaint, indictment, or information in which a child is charged with a violation listed in division (A)(2) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a child who was less than thirteen—sixteen years of age when the complaint or information was filed or the indictment was returned, the prosecution or the victim's attorney, may file a motion with the juvenile judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the child victim to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be recorded for showing in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted before the judge, the child who is charged with the violation or act, and any other persons who would have been present during the testimony of the child victim had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney, shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The juvenile judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney, filed under this division, if the judge

determines that the child victim is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the child charged with the violation or act, due to one or more of the reasons set forth in division (E) of this section. If a juvenile judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (A)(3) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the child victim giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (A)(3) of this section. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the child victim giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the child who is charged with the violation or act during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the child who is charged with the violation or act cannot be seen or heard by the child victim giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The child victim giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the child victim can observe, while giving testimony, the child who is charged with the violation or act. No order for the taking of testimony by recording shall be issued under this division unless the provisions set forth in divisions (A)(3)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section apply to the recording of the testimony.

(E) For purposes of divisions (C) and (D) of this section, a juvenile judge may order the testimony of a

child victim to be taken outside of the room in which a proceeding is being conducted if the judge determines that the child victim is unavailable to testify in the room in the physical presence of the child charged with the violation or act due to one or more of the following circumstances:

- (1) The persistent refusal of the child victim to testify despite judicial requests to do so;
- (2) The inability of the child victim to communicate about the alleged violation or offense because of extreme fear, failure of memory, or another similar reason;
- (3) The substantial likelihood that the child victim will suffer serious emotional trauma from so testifying.
- (F) (1) If a juvenile judge issues an order pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this section that requires the testimony of a child victim in a juvenile court proceeding to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted, the order shall specifically identify the child victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), to whose testimony it applies, the order applies only during the testimony of the specified child victim, and the child victim giving the testimony shall not be required to testify at the proceeding other than in accordance with the order. The authority of a judge to close the taking of a deposition under division (A)(3) of this section or a proceeding under division (C) or (D) of this section is in addition to the authority of a judge to close a hearing pursuant to section 2151.35 of the Revised Code.
- (2) A juvenile judge who makes any determination regarding the admissibility of a deposition under

divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the videotaping of a deposition under division (A)(3) of this section, or the taking of testimony outside of the room in which a proceeding is being conducted under division (C) or (D) of this section, shall enter the determination and findings on the record in the proceeding.

Sec. 2152.811

- (A) As used in this section:
- (1) " Developmental disability" has the same meaning as in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) " Victim with a developmental disability" includes any of the following persons:
- (a) A person with a developmental disability who was a victim of a violation identified in division (B)(1) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult;
- (b) A person with a developmental disability against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or that is an element of, a violation identified in division (B)(1) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult.
- (B) (1) In any proceeding in juvenile court involving a complaint, indictment, or information in which a child is charged with a violation of section 2903.16, 2903.34, 2903.341, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.21, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, or 2907.323 of the Revised Code or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult and in which an alleged victim of the violation or act was a person with a developmental disability, the juvenile judge, upon motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney, shall order

that the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability be taken by deposition. The prosecution or the victim's attorney also may request that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section. The judge shall notify the victim with a developmental disability whose deposition is to be taken, the prosecution, the victim's attorney, and the attorney for the child who is charged with the violation or act of the date, time, and place for taking the deposition. The notice shall identify the victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), with a developmental disability who is to be examined and shall indicate whether a request that the deposition be videotaped has been made. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall have the right to attend the deposition and the right to be represented by counsel. Depositions shall be taken in the manner provided in civil cases, except that the judge in the proceeding shall preside at the taking of the deposition and shall rule at that time on any objections of the prosecution or the attorney for the child charged with the violation or act. The prosecution and the attorney for the child charged with the violation or act shall have the right, as at an adjudication hearing, to full examination and cross-examination of the victim with a developmental disability whose deposition is to be taken.

If a deposition taken under this division is intended to be offered as evidence in the proceeding, it shall be filed in the juvenile court in which the action is pending and is admissible in the manner described in division (C) of this section. If a deposition of a victim with a developmental disability taken under this division is

admitted as evidence at the proceeding under division (C) of this section, the victim with a developmental disability shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding.

At any time before the conclusion of the proceeding, the attorney for the child charged with the violation or act may file a motion with the judge requesting that another deposition of the victim with a developmental disability be taken because new evidence material to the defense of the child charged has been discovered that the attorney for the child charged could not with reasonable diligence have discovered prior to the taking of the admitted deposition. Any motion requesting another deposition shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits. Upon the filing of the motion and affidavits, the court may order that additional testimony of the victim with a developmental disability relative to the new evidence be taken by another deposition. If the court orders the taking of another deposition under this provision, the deposition shall be taken in accordance with this division. If the admitted deposition was a videotaped deposition taken in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section, the new deposition also shall be videotaped in accordance with that division. In other cases, the new deposition may be videotaped in accordance with that division.

(2) If the prosecution or the victim's attorney requests that a deposition to be taken under division
(B)(1) of this section be videotaped, the juvenile judge shall order that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with this division. If a juvenile judge issues an order to video tape the deposition, the judge shall

exclude from the room in which the deposition is to be taken every person except the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, the judge, one or more interpreters if needed, the victim's attorney, the attorneys for the prosecution and the child who is charged with the violation or act, any person needed to operate the equipment to be used, one person chosen by the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition, and any person whose presence the judge determines would contribute to the welfare and well-being of the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition. The person chosen by the victim with a developmental disability shall not be a witness in the proceeding and, both before and during the deposition, shall not discuss the testimony of the victim with any other witness in the proceeding. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be restricted to a room adjacent to the room in which the deposition is being taken, or to a location in the room in which the deposition is being taken that is behind a screen or mirror so that the person operating the recording equipment can see and hear, but cannot be seen or heard by, the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition during the deposition.

The child who is charged with the violation or act shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the child who is charged with the violation or act during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a

location from which the child who is charged with the violation or act cannot be seen or heard by the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim with a developmental disability can observe, while giving testimony, the child who is charged with the violation or act. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside at the deposition by electronic means from outside the room in which the deposition is to be taken; if the judge presides by electronic means, the judge shall be provided with monitors on which the judge can see each person in the room in which the deposition is to be taken and with an electronic means of communication with each person in that room, and each person in the room shall be provided with a monitor on which that person can see the judge and with an electronic means of communication with the judge. A deposition that is videotaped under this division shall be taken and filed in the manner described in division (B) (1) of this section and is admissible in the manner described in this division and division (C) of this section. If a deposition that is videotaped under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding, the victim with a developmental disability shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. No deposition videotaped under this division shall be admitted as evidence at any proceeding unless division (C) of this section is satisfied relative to the deposition and all of the following apply relative to the recording:

(a) The recording is both aural and visual and is

recorded on film or videotape, or by other electronic means.

- (b) The recording is authenticated under the Rules of Evidence and the Rules of Criminal Procedure as a fair and accurate representation of what occurred, and the recording is not altered other than at the direction and under the supervision of the judge in the proceeding.
- (c) Each voice on the recording that is material to the testimony on the recording or the making of the recording, as determined by the judge, is identified.
- (d) Both the prosecution and the child who is charged with the violation or act are afforded an opportunity to view the recording before it is shown in the proceeding.
- (C) (1) At any proceeding in relation to which a deposition was taken under division (B) of this section, the deposition or a part of it is admissible in evidence upon motion of the prosecution if the testimony in the deposition or the part to be admitted is not excluded by the hearsay rule and if the deposition or the part to be admitted otherwise is admissible under the Rules of Evidence. For purposes of this division, testimony is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the testimony is not hearsay under Evidence Rule 801; the testimony is within an exception to the hearsay rule set forth in Evidence Rule 803; the victim with a developmental disability who gave the testimony is unavailable as a witness, as defined in Evidence Rule 804, and the testimony is admissible under that rule; or both of the following apply:
- (a) The child who is charged with the violation or act had an opportunity and similar motive at the time of

the taking of the deposition to develop the testimony by direct, cross, or redirect examination.

- (b) The judge determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that, if the victim with a developmental disability who gave the testimony in the deposition were to testify in person at the proceeding, the victim with a developmental disability would experience serious emotional trauma as a result of the participation of the victim with a developmental disability at the proceeding.
- (2) Objections to receiving in evidence a deposition or a part of it under division (C) of this section shall be made as provided in civil actions.
- (3) The provisions of divisions (B) and (C) of this section are in addition to any other provisions of the Revised Code, the Rules of Juvenile Procedure, the Rules of Criminal Procedure, or the Rules of Evidence that pertain to the taking or admission of depositions in a juvenile court proceeding and do not limit the admissibility under any of those other provisions of any deposition taken under division (B) of this section or otherwise taken.
- (D) In any proceeding in juvenile court involving a complaint, indictment, or information in which a child is charged with a violation listed in division (B)(1) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a person with a developmental disability, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the juvenile judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability to be taken in a room other than the room in

which the proceeding is being conducted and be televised, by closed circuit equipment, into the room in which the proceeding is being conducted to be viewed by the child who is charged with the violation or act and any other persons who are not permitted in the room in which the testimony is to be taken but who would have been present during the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The juvenile judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney filed under this division, if the judge determines that the victim with a developmental disability is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the child charged with the violation or act for one or more of the reasons set forth in division (F) of this section. If a juvenile judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (B)(2) of this section. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside during the giving of the testimony by electronic means from outside the room in which it is being given, subject to the limitations set forth in division (B)(2) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the televising equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (B)(2) of

this section. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the child who is charged with the violation or act during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the child who is charged with the violation or act cannot be seen or heard by the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim with a developmental disability can observe, while giving testimony, the child who is charged with the violation or act.

(E) In any proceeding in juvenile court involving a complaint, indictment, or information in which a child is charged with a violation listed in division (B)(1) of this section or an act that would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a person with a developmental disability, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the juvenile judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be recorded for showing in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted before the judge, the child who is charged with the violation or act, and any other persons who would have been present during the testimony of the victim with a

developmental disability had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The juvenile judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney filed under this division, if the judge determines that the victim with a developmental disability is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the child charged with the violation or act, due to one or more of the reasons set forth in division (F) of this section. If a juvenile judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (B)(2) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (B)(2) of this section. The child who is charged with the violation or act shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the child who is charged with the violation or act during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the child who is charged with the violation or act cannot be seen or heard by the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that

purpose. The victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim with a developmental disability can observe, while giving testimony, the child who is charged with the violation or act. No order for the taking of testimony by recording shall be issued under this division unless the provisions set forth in divisions (B)(2)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section apply to the recording of the testimony.

- (F) For purposes of divisions (D) and (E) of this section, a juvenile judge may order the testimony of a victim with a developmental disability to be taken outside of the room in which a proceeding is being conducted if the judge determines that the victim with a developmental disability is unavailable to testify in the room in the physical presence of the child charged with the violation or act due to one or more of the following circumstances:
- (1) The persistent refusal of the victim with a developmental disability to testify despite judicial requests to do so;
- (2) The inability of the victim with a developmental disability to communicate about the alleged violation or offense because of extreme fear, failure of memory, or another similar reason;
- (3) The substantial likelihood that the victim with a developmental disability will suffer serious emotional trauma from so testifying.
- (G) (1) If a juvenile judge issues an order pursuant to division (D) or (E) of this section that requires the testimony of a victim with a developmental disability in a juvenile court proceeding to be taken outside of the room

in which the proceeding is being conducted, the order shall specifically identify the victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), with a developmental disability to whose testimony it applies, the order applies only during the testimony of the specified victim with a developmental disability, and the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony shall not be required to testify at the proceeding other than in accordance with the order. The authority of a judge to close the taking of a deposition under division (B)(2) of this section or a proceeding under division (D) or (E) of this section is in addition to the authority of a judge to close a hearing pursuant to section 2151.35 of the Revised Code.

- (2) A juvenile judge who makes any determination regarding the admissibility of a deposition under divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the videotaping of a deposition under division (B)(2) of this section, or the taking of testimony outside of the room in which a proceeding is being conducted under division (D) or (E) of this section shall enter the determination and findings on the record in the proceeding.
- Sec. 2907.10. (A) (1) A peace officer, prosecutor, or other public official shall not ask or require a victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of the alleged sex offense.
- (2) The refusal of the victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination shall not prevent the investigation of the alleged sex offense, the

filing of criminal charges with respect to the alleged sex offense, or the prosecution of the alleged perpetrator of the alleged sex offense.

- (B) As used in this section: (1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 2921.51 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Polygraph examination" means any mechanical or electrical instrument or device of any type used or allegedly used to examine, test, or question an individual for the purpose of determining the individual's truthfulness.
- (3) "Prosecution" means the prosecution of criminal charges in a criminal prosecution or the prosecution of a delinquent child complaint in a delinquency proceeding.
- (4) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.
- (5) "Public official" has the same meaning as in section 117.01 of the Revised Code.
- (6) "Sex offense" means a violation of any provision of sections 2907.02 to 2907.09 of the Revised Code.
- Sec. 2929.18. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this division and in addition to imposing court costs pursuant to section 2947.23 of the Revised Code, the court imposing a sentence upon an offender for a felony may sentence the offender to any financial sanction or combination of financial sanctions authorized under this section or, in the circumstances specified in section 2929.32 of the Revised Code, may impose upon the offender a fine in accordance with that section, and shall sentence the offender to make restitution pursuant to this section

and section 2929.281 of the Revised Code. Financial sanctions that either are required to be or may be imposed pursuant to this section include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Restitution by the offender to the victim of the offender's crime or any survivor of the victim, in an amount based on the victim's economic loss. If the court imposes restitution, the The court shall order that the full restitution be made to the victim in open court, to the adult probation department that serves the county on behalf of the victim, to the clerk of courts, or to another agency designated by the court. If the court imposes restitution, at At sentencing, the court shall determine the amount of restitution to be made by the offender. If the court imposes restitution, the court may base the amount of restitution it orders on an amount recommended by the victim, the offender, a presentence investigation report, estimates or receipts indicating the cost of repairing or replacing property, and other information, provided that the The victim's attorney, prosecuting attorney, the prosecuting attorney's designee, or the probation department upon agreement with the prosecuting attorney, shall, and the offender may, present evidence relevant to the determination of the amount of restitution. The amount the court orders as restitution shall not exceed the amount of the economic loss suffered by the victim as a direct and proximate result of the commission of the offense. If the court decides to impose restitution, the The court shall hold a hearing on restitution if the offender, victim, or survivor disputes the amount. Whether or not the court holds a hearing, the

court shall determine the amount of full restitution by a preponderance of the evidence. All restitution payments shall be credited against any recovery of economic loss in a civil action brought by the victim or any survivor of the victim against the offender.

If the court imposes restitution, the The court may order that the offender pay a surcharge of not more than five per cent of the amount of the restitution otherwise ordered to the entity responsible for collecting and processing restitution payments.

The victim or survivor may file a motion, or request that the prosecutor in the case file a motion, or the offender may file a motion, for modification of the payment terms of any restitution ordered. If the court grants the motion, it may modify the payment terms as it determines appropriate, but shall not reduce the amount of restitution ordered. The court shall not discharge restitution until fully paid by the offender.

- (2) Except as provided in division (B)(1), (3), or (4) of this section, a fine payable by the offender to the state, to a political subdivision, or as described in division (B)(2) of this section to one or more law enforcement agencies, with the amount of the fine based on a standard percentage of the offender's daily income over a period of time determined by the court and based upon the seriousness of the offense. A fine ordered under this division shall not exceed the maximum conventional fine amount authorized for the level of the offense under division (A)(3) of this section.
- (3) Except as provided in division (B)(1), (3), or (4) of this section, a fine payable by the offender to the

state, to a political subdivision when appropriate for a felony, or as described in division (B)(2) of this section to one or more law enforcement agencies, in the following amount:

- (a) For a felony of the first degree, not more than twenty thousand dollars;
- (b) For a felony of the second degree, not more than fifteen thousand dollars;
- (c) For a felony of the third degree, not more than ten thousand dollars;
- (d) For a felony of the fourth degree, not more than five thousand dollars;
- (e) For a felony of the fifth degree, not more than two thousand five hundred dollars.
- (4) A state fine or costs as defined in section 2949.111 of the Revised Code.
- (5) (a) Reimbursement by the offender of any or all of the costs of sanctions incurred by the government, including the following:
- (i) All or part of the costs of implementing any community control sanction, including a supervision fee under section 2951.021 of the Revised Code;
- (ii) All or part of the costs of confinement under a sanction imposed pursuant to section 2929.14, 2929.142, or 2929.16 of the Revised Code, provided that the amount of reimbursement ordered under this division shall not exceed the total amount of reimbursement the offender is able to pay as determined at a hearing and shall not exceed the actual cost of the confinement;
- (iii) All or part of the cost of purchasing and using an immobilizing or disabling device, including a

certified ignition interlock device, or a remote alcohol monitoring device that a court orders an offender to use under section 4510.13 of the Revised Code.

- (b) If the offender is sentenced to a sanction of confinement pursuant to section 2929.14 or 2929.16 of the Revised Code that is to be served in a facility operated by a board of county commissioners, a legislative authority of a municipal corporation, or another local governmental entity, if, pursuant to section 307.93, 341.14, 341.19, 341.23, 753.02, 753.04, 753.16, 2301.56, or 2947.19 of the Revised Code and section 2929.37 of the Revised Code, the board, legislative authority, or other local governmental entity requires prisoners to reimburse the county, municipal corporation, or other entity for its expenses incurred by reason of the prisoner's confinement, and if the court does not impose a financial sanction under division (A)(5)(a)(ii) of this section, confinement costs may be assessed pursuant to section 2929.37 of the Revised Code. In addition, the offender may be required to pay the fees specified in section 2929.38 of the Revised Code in accordance with that section.
- (c) Reimbursement by the offender for costs pursuant to section 2929.71 of the Revised Code.
- (B) (1) For a first, second, or third degree felony violation of any provision of Chapter 2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code, the sentencing court shall impose upon the offender a mandatory fine of at least one-half of, but not more than, the maximum statutory fine amount authorized for the level of the offense pursuant to division (A) (3) of this section. If an offender alleges in an affidavit filed with the court prior to sentencing that

the offender is indigent and unable to pay the mandatory fine and if the court determines the offender is an indigent person and is unable to pay the mandatory fine described in this division, the court shall not impose the mandatory fine upon the offender.

- (2) Any mandatory fine imposed upon an offender under division (B)(1) of this section and any fine imposed upon an offender under division (A)(2) or (3) of this section for any fourth or fifth degree felony violation of any provision of Chapter 2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code shall be paid to law enforcement agencies pursuant to division (F) of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code.
- (3) For a fourth degree felony OVI offense and for a third degree felony OVI offense, the sentencing court shall impose upon the offender a mandatory fine in the amount specified in division (G)(1)(d) or (e) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable. The mandatory fine so imposed shall be disbursed as provided in the division pursuant to which it is imposed.
- (4) Notwithstanding any fine otherwise authorized or required to be imposed under division (A)(2) or (3) or (B)(1) of this section or section 2929.31 of the Revised Code for a violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code, in addition to any penalty or sanction imposed for that offense under section 2925.03 or sections 2929.11 to 2929.18 of the Revised Code and in addition to the forfeiture of property in connection with the offense as prescribed in Chapter 2981. of the Revised Code, the court that sentences an offender for a violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code may impose upon the offender a

fine in addition to any fine imposed under division (A)(2) or (3) of this section and in addition to any mandatory fine imposed under division (B)(1) of this section. The fine imposed under division (B)(4) of this section shall be used as provided in division (H) of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code. A fine imposed under division (B)(4) of this section shall not exceed whichever of the following is applicable:

- (a) The total value of any personal or real property in which the offender has an interest and that was used in the course of, intended for use in the course of, derived from, or realized through conduct in violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code, including any property that constitutes proceeds derived from that offense;
- (b) If the offender has no interest in any property of the type described in division (B)(4)(a) of this section or if it is not possible to ascertain whether the offender has an interest in any property of that type in which the offender may have an interest, the amount of the mandatory fine for the offense imposed under division (B)(1) of this section or, if no mandatory fine is imposed under division (B)(1) of this section, the amount of the fine authorized for the level of the offense imposed under division (A)(3) of this section.
- (5) Prior to imposing a fine under division (B)(4) of this section, the court shall determine whether the offender has an interest in any property of the type described in division (B)(4)(a) of this section. Except as provided in division (B)(6) or (7) of this section, a fine that is authorized and imposed under division (B)(4) of

this section does not limit or affect the imposition of the penalties and sanctions for a violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code prescribed under those sections or sections 2929.11 to 2929.18 of the Revised Code and does not limit or affect a forfeiture of property in connection with the offense as prescribed in Chapter 2981. of the Revised Code.

(6) If the sum total of a mandatory fine amount imposed for a first, second, or third degree felony violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code under division (B)(1) of this section plus the amount of any fine imposed under division (B)(4) of this section does not exceed the maximum statutory fine amount authorized for the level of the offense under division (A)(3) of this section or section 2929.31 of the Revised Code, the court may impose a fine for the offense in addition to the mandatory fine and the fine imposed under division (B) (4) of this section. The sum total of the amounts of the mandatory fine, the fine imposed under division (B) (4) of this section, and the additional fine imposed under division (B)(6) of this section shall not exceed the maximum statutory fine amount authorized for the level of the offense under division (A)(3) of this section or section 2929.31 of the Revised Code. The clerk of the court shall pay any fine that is imposed under division (B) (6) of this section to the county, township, municipal corporation, park district as created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or state law enforcement agencies in this state that primarily were responsible for or involved in making the arrest of, and in prosecuting, the offender pursuant to division (F) of

section 2925.03 of the Revised Code.

- (7) If the sum total of the amount of a mandatory fine imposed for a first, second, or third degree felony violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code plus the amount of any fine imposed under division (B)(4) of this section exceeds the maximum statutory fine amount authorized for the level of the offense under division (A)(3) of this section or section 2929.31 of the Revised Code, the court shall not impose a fine under division (B)(6) of this section.
- (8) (a) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of section 2905.01, 2905.02, 2907.21, 2907.22, or 2923.32, division (A)(1) or (2) of section 2907.323, or division (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of section 2919.22 of the Revised Code also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised Code that charges that the offender knowingly committed the offense in furtherance of human trafficking, the sentencing court shall sentence the offender to a financial sanction of restitution by the offender to the victim or any survivor of the victim, with the restitution including the costs of housing, counseling, and medical and legal assistance incurred by the victim as a direct result of the offense and the greater of the following:
- (i) The gross income or value to the offender of the victim's labor or services;
- (ii) The value of the victim's labor as guaranteed under the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the "Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 20 U.S.C. 207, and state labor laws.

- (b) If a court imposing sentence upon an offender for a felony is required to impose upon the offender a financial sanction of restitution under division (B)(8)(a) of this section, in addition to that financial sanction of restitution, the court may sentence the offender to any other financial sanction or combination of financial sanctions authorized under this section, including a restitution sanction under division (A)(1) of this section.
- (9) In addition to any other fine that is or may be imposed under this section, the court imposing sentence upon an offender for a felony that is a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, as those terms are defined in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code, may impose a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.
- (C) (1) Except as provided in section 2951.021 of the Revised Code, the offender shall pay reimbursements imposed upon the offender pursuant to division (A) (5) (a) of this section to pay the costs incurred by a county pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.16 of the Revised Code to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall deposit the reimbursements in the sanction cost reimbursement fund that each board of county commissioners shall create in its county treasury. The county shall use the amounts deposited in the fund to pay the costs incurred by the county pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the

Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.16 of the Revised Code.

- (2) Except as provided in section 2951.021 of the Revised Code, the offender shall pay reimbursements imposed upon the offender pursuant to division (A)(5)(a) of this section to pay the costs incurred by a municipal corporation pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.16 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of the municipal corporation. The treasurer shall deposit the reimbursements in a special fund that shall be established in the treasury of each municipal corporation. The municipal corporation shall use the amounts deposited in the fund to pay the costs incurred by the municipal corporation pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.16 of the Revised Code.
- (3) Except as provided in section 2951.021 of the Revised Code, the offender shall pay reimbursements imposed pursuant to division (A)(5)(a) of this section for the costs incurred by a private provider pursuant to a sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code to the provider.
- (D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a financial sanction imposed pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section is a judgment in favor of the state or a

political subdivision in which the court that imposed the financial sanction is located, and the offender subject to the financial sanction is the judgment debtor. A financial sanction of reimbursement imposed pursuant to division (A)(5)(a)(ii) of this section upon an offender who is incarcerated in a state facility or a municipal jail is a judgment in favor of the state or the municipal corporation, and the offender subject to the financial sanction is the judgment debtor. A financial sanction of reimbursement imposed upon an offender pursuant to this section for costs incurred by a private provider of sanctions is a judgment in favor of the private provider, and the offender subject to the financial sanction is the judgment debtor. A financial sanction of restitution imposed pursuant to division (A)(1) or (B)(8) of this section is an order in favor of the victim of the offender's criminal act that can be collected through a certificate of judgment as described in division (D)(1) of this section, through execution as described in division (D)(2) of this section, or through an order as described in division (D)(3) of this section, and the offender shall be considered for purposes of the collection as the judgment debtor. Imposition of a financial sanction and execution on the judgment does not preclude any other power of the court to impose or enforce sanctions on the offender. Once the financial sanction is imposed as a judgment or order under this division, the victim, private provider, state, or political subdivision may do any of the following:

(1) Obtain from the clerk of the court in which the judgment was entered, at no cost, a certificate of

judgment that shall be in the same manner and form as a certificate of judgment issued in a civil action;

- (2) Obtain execution of the judgment or order through any available procedure, including:
- (a) An execution against the property of the judgment debtor under Chapter 2329. of the Revised Code;
- (b) An execution against the person of the judgment debtor under Chapter 2331. of the Revised Code;
- (c) A proceeding in aid of execution under Chapter 2333. of the Revised Code, including:
- (i) A proceeding for the examination of the judgment debtor under sections 2333.09 to 2333.12 and sections 2333.15 to 2333.27 of the Revised Code;
- (ii) A proceeding for attachment of the person of the judgment debtor under section 2333.28 of the Revised Code;
- (iii) A creditor's suit under section 2333.01 of the Revised Code.
- (d) The attachment of the property of the judgment debtor under Chapter 2715. of the Revised Code;
- (e) The garnishment of the property of the judgment debtor under Chapter 2716. of the Revised Code.
- (3) Obtain an order for the assignment of wages of the judgment debtor under section 1321.33 of the Revised Code.
- (E) A court that imposes a financial sanction upon an offender may hold a hearing if necessary to determine whether the offender is able to pay the sanction or is likely in the future to be able to pay it.
- (F) Each court imposing a financial sanction upon an offender under this section or under section 2929.32 of

the Revised Code may designate the clerk of the court or another person to collect the financial sanction. The clerk or other person authorized by law or the court to collect the financial sanction may enter into contracts with one or more public agencies or private vendors for the collection of, amounts due under the financial sanction imposed pursuant to this section or section 2929.32 of the Revised Code. Before entering into a contract for the collection of amounts due from an offender pursuant to any financial sanction imposed pursuant to this section or section 2929.32 of the Revised Code, a court shall comply with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code.

- (G) If the court imposes one or more financial sanctions in addition to restitution, any amounts paid by the offender shall be credited first to restitution.
- (H) If a court that imposes a financial sanction under division (A) or (B) of this section finds that an offender satisfactorily has completed all other sanctions imposed upon the offender and that all restitution that has been ordered has been paid as ordered, the court may suspend any financial sanctions imposed pursuant to this section or section 2929.32 of the Revised Code that have not been paid.
- $\frac{\text{(H)}}{\text{(I)}}$ No financial sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.32 of the Revised Code shall preclude a victim from bringing a civil action against the offender.
- (J) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, including civil enforcement actions, if a defendant who is sentenced to pay a fine, a fee or incarceration costs

defaults in the payment of the fine, fee or incarceration costs or of any installment as ordered, the court, on motion of the prosecuting attorney, or on its own motion, shall require the defendant to show cause why the defendant's default should not be treated as contempt and may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.

- (K) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, including civil enforcement actions, if a defendant who is ordered to pay restitution defaults in the payment of the restitution or of any installment as ordered, the court, on motion of the prosecuting attorney, on motion of any person entitled to restitution pursuant to a court order, that person's attorney, or on its own motion, shall require the defendant to show cause why the defendant's default should not be treated as contempt and may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.
- (L) At any hearing on the order to show cause, the court, the prosecuting attorney or a person entitled to restitution, or their attorney, may examine the defendant under oath concerning the defendant's financial condition, employment and assets or on any other matter relating to the defendant's ability to pay restitution.
- (M) If the court finds that the defendant has willfully failed to pay restitution, a fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs or finds that the defendant has intentionally refused to make a good faith effort to obtain the monies required for the payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes contempt and may do one of the following:

- (1) Order the defendant incarcerated in the county jail until the restitution, fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs, or a specified part of the restitution, fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs, is paid;
- (2) Revoke the defendant's probation, parole or community supervision and sentence the defendant to prison pursuant to law;
- (N) If the court finds that the default is not willful and that the defendant cannot pay despite sufficient good faith efforts to obtain the monies, the court may take any lawful action including:
- (1) Modify the manner in which the restitution, fine, fee or incarceration costs are to be paid;
- (2) Enter any reasonable order that would assure compliance with the order to pay;
- (3) Enter an order of garnishment for the collection of restitution, fines, fees restitution or incarceration costs does not discharge a defendant incarcerated for nonpayment of the fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs until the amount of the fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs is collected.
- (4) Order the defendant to perform community service, but only for fines, fees or incarceration costs. Orders of restitution cannot be satisfied with community service.
- (O) If restitution, fines, fees, restitution or incarceration costs are imposed on a business or corporation, it is the duty of the person or persons authorized to make disbursement from the assets of the business or corporation to pay them from those assets, and

their failure to do so shall be held a contempt unless they make the showing required in subsection J or K of this section.

(P) If a defendant is sentenced to pay restitution, a fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs, the clerk of the sentencing court, on request, shall make the defendant's payment history available to the prosecutor, victim, victim's attorney, probation department and court without cost.

Sec. 2929.20. (A) As used in this section:

- (1) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (1) (b) of this section, "eligible offender" means any person who, on or after April 7, 2009, is serving a stated prison term that includes one or more nonmandatory prison terms.
- (b) "Eligible offender" does not include any person who, on or after April 7, 2009, is serving a stated prison term for any of the following criminal offenses that was a felony and was committed while the person held a public office in this state:
- (i) A violation of section 2921.02, 2921.03, 2921.05, 2921.31, 2921.32, 2921.41, 2921.42, or 2923.32 of the Revised Code;
 - (ii) A violation of section 2913.42, 2921.04, 2921.11, or 2921.12 of the Revised Code, when the conduct constituting the violation was related to the duties of the offender's public office or to the offender's actions as a public official holding that public office;
 - (iii) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United

States that is substantially equivalent to any violation listed in division (A)(1)(b)(i) of this section;

- (iv) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any violation listed in
- division (A)(1)(b)(ii) of this section, when the conduct constituting the violation was related to the duties of the offender's public office or to the offender's actions as a public official holding that public office;
- (v) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (A)(1)(b)(i) or described in division(A)(1)(b)(iii) of this section;
- (vi) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (A)(1)(b)(ii) or described in division (A)(1)(b)(iv) of this section, if the conduct constituting the offense that was the subject of the conspiracy, that would have constituted the offense attempted, or constituting the offense in which the offender was complicit was or would have been related to the duties of the offender's public office or to the offender's actions as a public official holding that public office.
- (2) "Nonmandatory prison term" means a prison term that is not a mandatory prison term.
- (3) "Public office" means any elected federal, state, or local government office in this state.

- (4) "Victim's representative" has the same meaning as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code.
- (5) "Imminent danger of death," "medically incapacitated," and "terminal illness" have the same meanings as in section 2967.05 of the Revised Code.
- (B) On the motion of an eligible offender or upon its own motion, the sentencing court may reduce the eligible offender's aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms through a judicial release under this section.
- (C) An eligible offender may file a motion for judicial release with the sentencing court within the following applicable periods:
- (1) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is less than two years, the eligible offender may file the motion not earlier than thirty days after the offender is delivered to a state correctional institution or, if the prison term includes a mandatory prison term or terms, not earlier than thirty days after the expiration of all mandatory prison terms.
- (2) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is at least two years but less than five years, the eligible offender may file the motion not earlier than one hundred eighty days after the offender is delivered to a state correctional institution or, if the prison term includes a mandatory prison term or terms, not earlier than one hundred eighty days after the expiration of all mandatory prison terms.
 - (3) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or

terms is five years, the eligible offender may file the motion not earlier than four years after the eligible offender is delivered to a state correctional institution or, if the prison term includes a mandatory prison term or terms, not earlier than four years after the expiration of all mandatory prison terms.

- (4) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is more than five years but not more than ten years, the eligible offender may file the motion not earlier than five years after the eligible offender is delivered to a state correctional institution or, if the prison term includes a mandatory prison term or terms, not earlier than five years after the expiration of all mandatory prison terms.
- (5) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is more than ten years, the eligible offender may file the motion not earlier than the later of the date on which the offender has served one-half of the offender's stated prison term or the date specified in division (C)(4) of this section.
- (D) Upon receipt of a timely motion for judicial release filed by an eligible offender under division (C) of this section or upon the sentencing court's own motion made within the appropriate time specified in that division, the court may deny the motion without a hearing or schedule a hearing on the motion. The court shall not grant the motion without a hearing. If a court denies a motion without a hearing, the court later may consider judicial release for that eligible offender on a subsequent motion filed by that eligible offender unless

the court denies the motion with prejudice. If a court denies a motion with prejudice, the court may later consider judicial release on its own motion. If a court denies a motion after a hearing, the court shall not consider a subsequent motion for that eligible offender. The court shall hold only one hearing for any eligible offender.

A hearing under this section shall be conducted in open court not less than thirty or more than sixty days after the motion is filed, provided that the court may delay the hearing for one hundred eighty additional days. If the court holds a hearing, the court shall enter a ruling on the motion within ten days after the hearing. If the court denies the motion without a hearing, the court shall enter its ruling on the motion within sixty days after the motion is filed.

(E) If a court schedules a hearing under division (D) of this section, the court shall notify the eligible offender and the head of the state correctional institution in which the eligible offender is confined prior to the hearing. The head of the state correctional institution immediately shall notify the appropriate person at the department of rehabilitation and correction of the hearing, and the department within twenty-four hours after receipt of the notice, shall post on the database it maintains pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised Code the offender's name and all of the information specified in division (A)(1)(c)(i) of that section. If the court schedules a

hearing for judicial release, the court promptly shall give notice of the hearing to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the eligible offender was indicted. Upon receipt of the notice from the court, the prosecuting attorney shall do whichever of the following is applicable:

- (1) Subject to division (E)(2) of this section, notify the victim of the offense or the victim's representative pursuant to division (B) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code;
- (2) If the offense was an offense of violence that is a felony of the first, second, or third degree, except as otherwise provided in this division, notify the victim or the victim's representative of the hearing regardless of whether the victim or victim's representative has requested the notification. The notice of the hearing shall not be given under this division to a victim or victim's representative if the victim or victim's representative has requested pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that the victim or the victim's representative not be provided the notice. If notice is to be provided to a victim or victim's representative under this division, the prosecuting attorney may give the notice by any reasonable means, including regular mail, telephone, and electronic mail, in accordance with division (D)(1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. If the notice is based on an offense committed prior to March 22, 2013, the notice also shall include the opt-out information described in division

- (D) (1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. The prosecuting attorney, in accordance with division (D) (2) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code, shall keep a record of all attempts to provide the notice, and of all notices provided, under this division. Division (E) (2) of this section, and the notice-related provisions of division (K) of this section, division (D) (1) of section 2930.16, division (H) of section 2967.12, division (E) (1) (b) of section 2967.19, division (A) (3) (b) of section 2967.26, division (D) (1) of section 2967.28, and division (A) (2) of section 5149.101 of the Revised Code enacted in the act in which division (E) (2) of this section was enacted, shall be known as "Roberta's Law."
- (F) Upon an offender's successful completion of rehabilitative activities, the head of the state correctional institution may notify the sentencing court of the successful completion of the activities.
- (G) Prior to the date of the hearing on a motion for judicial release under this section, the head of the state correctional institution in which the eligible offender is confined shall send to the court an institutional summary report on the eligible offender's conduct in the institution and in any institution from which the eligible offender may have been transferred. Upon the request of the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the eligible offender was indicted or of any law enforcement agency, the head of the state correctional institution, at the same time the person sends the institutional summary report to the court, also shall send a copy of the report to the requesting

prosecuting attorney and law enforcement agencies. The institutional summary report shall cover the eligible offender's participation in school, vocational training, work, treatment, and other rehabilitative activities and any disciplinary action taken against the eligible offender. The report shall be made part of the record of the hearing. A presentence investigation report is not required for judicial release.

- (H) If the court grants a hearing on a motion for judicial release under this section, the eligible offender shall attend the hearing if ordered to do so by the court. Upon receipt of a copy of the journal entry containing the order, the head of the state correctional institution in which the eligible offender is incarcerated shall deliver the eligible offender to the sheriff of the county in which the hearing is to be held. The sheriff shall convey the eligible offender to and from the hearing.
- (I) At the hearing on a motion for judicial release under this section, the court shall afford the eligible offender and the eligible offender's attorney an opportunity to present written and, if present, oral information relevant to the motion. The court shall afford a similar opportunity to the prosecuting attorney, the victim, or the victim's representative, and any other person the court determines is likely to present additional relevant information. The court shall consider any statement of a victim or any other harmed person made

pursuant to section 2930.14 or 2930.17 of the Revised Code, any victim impact statement prepared pursuant to section 2947.051 of the Revised Code, and any report made under division (G) of this section. The court may consider any written statement of any person submitted to the court pursuant to division (L) of this section. After ruling on the motion, the court shall notify the victim of the ruling in accordance with sections 2930.03 and 2930.16 of the Revised Code.

- (J) (1) A court shall not grant a judicial release under this section to an eligible offender who is imprisoned for a felony of the first or second degree, or to an eligible offender who committed an offense under Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code and for whom there was a presumption under section 2929.13 of the Revised Code in favor of a prison term, unless the court, with reference to factors under section 2929.12 of the Revised Code, finds both of the following:
- (a) That a sanction other than a prison term would adequately punish the offender and protect the public from future criminal violations by the eligible offender because the applicable factors indicating a lesser likelihood of recidivism outweigh the applicable factors indicating a greater likelihood of recidivism;
- (b) That a sanction other than a prison term would not demean the seriousness of the offense because factors indicating that the eligible offender's conduct in committing the offense was less serious than conduct normally constituting the offense outweigh factors

indicating that the eligible offender's conduct was more serious than conduct normally constituting the offense.

- (1) A court that grants a judicial release to an eligible offender under division (J)(1) of this section shall specify on the record both findings required in that division and also shall list all the factors described in that division that were presented at the hearing.
- (K) If the court grants a motion for judicial release under this section, the court shall order the release of the eligible offender, shall place the eligible offender under an appropriate community control sanction, under appropriate conditions, and under the supervision of the department of probation serving the court and shall reserve the right to reimpose the sentence that it reduced if the offender violates the sanction. If the court reimposes the reduced sentence, it may do so either concurrently with, or consecutive to, any new sentence imposed upon the eligible offender as a result of the violation that is a new offense. Except as provided in division (R)(2) of this section, the period of community control shall be no longer than five years. The court, in its discretion, may reduce the period of community control by the amount of time the eligible offender spent in jail or prison for the offense and in prison. If the court made any findings pursuant to division (J) (1) of this section, the court shall serve a copy of the findings upon counsel for the parties within fifteen days

after the date on which the court grants the motion for judicial release.

If the court grants a motion for judicial release, the court shall notify the appropriate person at the department of rehabilitation and correction, and the department shall post notice of the release on the database it maintains pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised Code. The court also shall notify the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the eligible offender was indicted that the motion has been granted. Unless the victim or the victim's representative has requested pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that the victim or victim's representative not be provided the notice, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim or the victim's representative of the judicial release in any manner, and in accordance with the same procedures, pursuant to which the prosecuting attorney is authorized to provide notice of the

hearing pursuant to division (E)(2) of this section. If the notice is based on an offense committed prior to March 22, 2013, the notice to the victim or victim's representative also shall include the opt-out information described in division (D)(1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code.

(L) In addition to and independent of the right of a victim to make a statement pursuant to section 2930.14, 2930.17, or 2946.051 of the Revised Code and any right of a person to present written information or make a statement pursuant to division (I) of this section, any

person may submit to the court, at any time prior to the hearing on the offender's motion for judicial release, a written statement concerning the effects of the offender's crime or crimes, the circumstances surrounding the crime or crimes, the manner in which the crime or crimes were perpetrated, and the person's opinion as to whether the offender should be released.

- (M) The changes to this section that are made on September 30, 2011, apply to any judicial release decision made on or after September 30, 2011, for any eligible offender.
- (N) Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements specified in division (A) of this section and the filing time frames specified in division (C) of this section and notwithstanding the findings required under division (J) of this section, the sentencing court, upon the court's own motion and after considering whether the release of the offender into society would create undue risk to public safety, may grant a judicial release to an offender who is not serving a life sentence at any time during the offender's imposed sentence when the director of rehabilitation and correction certifies to the sentencing court through the chief medical officer for the department of rehabilitation and correction that the offender is in imminent danger of death, is medically incapacitated, or is suffering from a terminal illness.
- (O) The director of rehabilitation and correction shall not certify any offender under division (N) of this

section who is serving a death sentence.

- (P) A motion made by the court under division (N) of this section is subject to the notice, hearing, and other procedural requirements specified in divisions (D), (E), (G), (H), (I), (K), and (L) of this section, except for the following:
- (1) The court may waive the offender's appearance at any hearing scheduled by the court if the offender's condition makes it impossible for the offender to participate meaningfully in the proceeding.
- (2) The court may grant the motion without a hearing, provided that the prosecuting attorney and victim or victim's representative to whom notice of the hearing was provided under division (E) of this section indicate that they do not wish to participate in the hearing or present information relevant to the motion.
- (Q) The court may request health care records from the department of rehabilitation and correction to verify the certification made under division (N) of this section.
- (R)(1) If the court grants judicial release under division (N) of this section, the court shall do all of the following:
 - (a) Order the release of the offender;
- (b) Place the offender under an appropriate community control sanction, under appropriate conditions;
- (c) Place the offender under the supervision of the department of probation serving the court or under the

supervision of the adult parole authority.

- (2) The court, in its discretion, may revoke the judicial release if the offender violates the community control sanction described in division (R)(1) of this section. The period of that community control is not subject to the five-year limitation described in division (K) of this section and shall not expire earlier than the date on which all of the offender's mandatory prison terms expire.
- (S) If the health of an offender who is released under division (N) of this section improves so that the offender is no longer terminally ill, medically incapacitated, or in imminent danger of death, the court shall, upon the court's own motion, revoke the judicial release. The court shall not grant the motion without a hearing unless the offender waives a hearing. If a hearing is held, the court shall afford the offender and the offender's attorney an opportunity to present written and, if the offender or the offender's attorney is present, oral information relevant to the motion. The court shall afford a similar opportunity to the prosecuting attorney, the victim or the victim's representative, and any other person the court determines is likely to present additional relevant information. A court that grants a motion under this division shall specify its findings on the record.
- Sec. 2929.22. (A) Unless a mandatory jail term is required to be imposed by division (G) of section 1547.99, division (B) of section 4510.14, division (G) of

section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, or any other provision of the Revised Code a court that imposes a sentence under this chapter upon an offender for a misdemeanor or minor misdemeanor has discretion to determine the most effective way to achieve the purposes and principles of sentencing set forth in section 2929.21 of the Revised Code.

Unless a specific sanction is required to be imposed or is precluded from being imposed by the section setting forth an offense or the penalty for an offense or by any provision of sections 2929.23 to 2929.28 of the Revised Code, a court that imposes a sentence upon an offender for a misdemeanor may impose on the offender any sanction or combination of sanctions under sections 2929.24 to 2929.28 of the Revised Code. The court shall not impose a sentence that imposes an unnecessary burden on local government resources.

- (B)(1) In determining the appropriate sentence for a misdemeanor, the court shall consider all of the following factors:
- (a) The nature and circumstances of the offense or offenses;
- (b) Whether the circumstances regarding the offender and the offense or offenses indicate that the offender has a history of persistent criminal activity and that the offender's character and condition reveal a substantial risk that the offender will commit another offense;

- (c) Whether the circumstances regarding the offender and the offense or offenses indicate that the offender's history, character, and condition reveal a substantial risk that the offender will be a danger to others and that the offender's conduct has been characterized by a pattern of repetitive, compulsive, or aggressive behavior with heedless indifference to the consequences;
- (d) Whether the victim's youth, age, disability, or other factor made the victim particularly vulnerable to the offense or made the impact of the offense more serious;
- (e) Whether the offender is likely to commit future crimes in general, in addition to the circumstances described in divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section;
- (f) Whether the offender has an emotional, mental, or physical condition that is traceable to the offender's service in the armed forces of the United States and that was a contributing factor in the offender's commission of the offense or offenses;
 - (g) The offender's military service record.
- (2) In determining the appropriate sentence for a misdemeanor, in addition to complying with division
 (B)(1) of this section, the court may consider any other factors that are relevant to achieving the purposes and principles of sentencing set forth in section 2929.21 of the Revised Code.
- (C) Before imposing a jail term as a sentence for a misdemeanor, a court shall consider the appropriateness

of imposing a community control sanction or a combination of community control sanctions under sections 2929.25, 2929.26, 2929.27, and 2929.28 of the Revised Code. A court may impose the longest jail term authorized under section 2929.24 of the Revised Code only upon offenders who commit the worst forms of the offense or upon offenders whose conduct and response to prior sanctions for prior offenses demonstrate that the imposition of the longest jail term is necessary to deter the offender from committing a future crime.

- (D) (1) A sentencing court shall consider any relevant oral or and written statement made by the victim any other harmed person under section 2930.14 of the Revised Code, the defendant, the defense attorney, or the prosecuting authority regarding sentencing for a misdemeanor. This division does not create any rights to notice other than those rights authorized by Chapter 2930. of the Revised Code.
- (2) At the time of sentencing for a misdemeanor or as soon as possible after sentencing, the court shall notify the victim of the offense of the victim's right to file an application for an award of reparations pursuant to sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code.
- Sec. 2929.28. (A) In addition to imposing court costs pursuant to section 2947.23 of the Revised Code, the court imposing a sentence upon an offender for a misdemeanor, including a minor misdemeanor, may sentence the offender to any financial sanction or combination of financial sanctions authorized under this section and, if the offender is being sentenced for a crime as defined in

section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, shall sentence the offender to make restitution pursuant to this section and section 2929.281 of the Revised Code. If the court, in its discretion or as required by this section, imposes one or more financial sanctions, the financial sanctions that may be imposed pursuant to this section include, but are not limited to, the following:

misdemeanor or could be disposed of by the traffic violations bureau serving the court under Traffic Rule 13, restitution by the offender to the victim of the offender's crime or any survivor of the victim, in an amount based on the victim's economic loss. The court may not impose restitution as a sanction pursuant to this division if the offense is a minor misdemeanor or could be disposed of by the traffic violations bureau serving the court under Traffic Rule 13. If the court requires restitution, the court shall order that the restitution be made to the victim in open court or to the adult probation department that serves the jurisdiction or the clerk of the court on behalf of the victim.

If the court imposes restitution, the The court shall determine the amount of restitution to be paid by the offender. If the court imposes restitution, the court may base the amount of restitution it orders on an amount recommended by the victim, the offender, a presentence investigation report, estimates or receipts indicating the cost of repairing or replacing property, and other information, provided that the The prosecutor, the prosecutor's designee, or the probation department upon agreement with the prosecutor, shall, and the offender

may, present evidence relevant to the determination of the amount of restitution. Nothing in this section prohibits a victim, victim's representative, or victim's counsel from presenting evidence relevant to the determination of the amount of the restitution. The amount the court orders as restitution shall not exceed the amount of the economic loss suffered by the victim as a direct and proximate result of the commission of the offense. If the court decides to or is required to impose restitution, the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing on restitution if the offender, victim, or survivor disputes the amount of restitution. If Whether or not the court holds an evidentiary a hearing, at the hearing the victim or survivor has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence the amount of restitution sought from the offender the court shall determine the amount of full restitution by a preponderance of the evidence. All restitution payments shall be credited against any recovery of economic loss in a civil action brought by the victim or any survivor of the victim against the offender. No person may introduce evidence of an award of restitution under this section in a civil action for purposes of imposing liability against an insurer under section 3937.18 of the Revised Code.

If the court imposes restitution, the The court may order that the offender pay a surcharge, of not more than five per cent of the amount of the restitution otherwise ordered, to the entity responsible for collecting and processing restitution payments.

The victim or survivor 's attorney may file a motion, or the victim or survivor may request that the prosecutor

in the case file a motion, or the offender may file a motion, for modification of the payment terms of any restitution ordered. If the court grants the motion, it may modify the payment terms as it determines appropriate, but shall not reduce the amount of restitution ordered. The court shall not discharge restitution until fully paid by the offender.

- (2) A fine of the type described in divisions
 (A) (2) (a) and (b) of this section payable to the appropriate entity as required by law:
 - (a) A fine in the following amount:
- (i) For a misdemeanor of the first degree, not more than one thousand dollars;
- (ii) For a misdemeanor of the second degree, not more than seven hundred fifty dollars;
- (iii) For a misdemeanor of the third degree, not
 more than five hundred dollars;
- (iv) For a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, not
 more than two hundred fifty dollars;
- (v) For a minor misdemeanor, not more than one hundred fifty dollars.
- (b) A state fine or cost as defined in section 2949.111 of the Revised Code.
- (3) (a) Reimbursement by the offender of any or all of the costs of sanctions incurred by the government, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (i) All or part of the costs of implementing any community control sanction, including a supervision fee under section 2951.021 of the Revised Code;
- (ii) All or part of the costs of confinement in a jail or other residential facility, including, but not

limited to, a per diem fee for room and board, the costs of medical and dental treatment, and the costs of repairing property damaged by the offender while confined;

- (iii) All or part of the cost of purchasing and using an immobilizing or disabling device, including a certified ignition interlock device, or a remote alcohol monitoring device that a court orders an offender to use under section 4510.13 of the Revised Code.
- (b) The amount of reimbursement ordered under division (A)(3)(a) of this section shall not exceed the total amount of reimbursement the offender is able to pay and shall not exceed the actual cost of the sanctions. The court may collect any amount of reimbursement the offender is required to pay under that division. If the court does not order reimbursement under that division, confinement costs may be assessed pursuant to a repayment policy adopted under section 2929.37 of the Revised Code. In addition, the offender may be required to pay the fees specified in section 2929.38 of the Revised Code in accordance with that section.
- (B) If the court determines a hearing is necessary, the court may hold a hearing to determine whether the offender is able to pay the financial sanction imposed pursuant to this section or court costs or is likely in the future to be able to pay the sanction or costs.

If the court determines that the offender is indigent and unable to pay the financial sanction or court costs, the court shall consider imposing and may impose a term of community service under division (A) of section 2929.27 of the Revised Code in lieu of imposing a financial sanction or court costs. If the court does not

determine that the offender is indigent, the court may impose a term of community service under division (A) of section 2929.27 of the Revised Code in lieu of or in addition to imposing a financial sanction under this section and in addition to imposing court costs, except that the court may not impose a term of community service in lieu of restitution for a crime, as defined in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, or if the victim did not request the court to impose a term of community service in lieu of restitution. The court may order community service for a minor misdemeanor pursuant to division (D) of section 2929.27 of the Revised Code in lieu of or in addition to imposing a financial sanction under this section and in addition to imposing court costs. If a person fails to pay a financial sanction or court costs, the court may order community service in lieu of the financial sanction or court costs.

(C) (1) The offender shall pay reimbursements imposed upon the offender pursuant to division (A) (3) of this section to pay the costs incurred by a county pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.26 or 2929.27 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.26 of the Revised Code to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall deposit the reimbursements in the county's general fund. The county shall use the amounts deposited in the fund to pay the costs incurred by the county pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.26 or 2929.27 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under

section 2929.26 of the Revised Code.

- (2) The offender shall pay reimbursements imposed upon the offender pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section to pay the costs incurred by a municipal corporation pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.26 or 2929.27 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.26 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of the municipal corporation. The treasurer shall deposit the reimbursements in the municipal corporation's general fund. The municipal corporation shall use the amounts deposited in the fund to pay the costs incurred by the municipal corporation pursuant to any sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.26 or 2929.27 of the Revised Code or in operating a facility used to confine offenders pursuant to a sanction imposed under section 2929.26 of the Revised Code.
- (3) The offender shall pay reimbursements imposed pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section for the costs incurred by a private provider pursuant to a sanction imposed under this section or section 2929.26 or 2929.27 of the Revised Code to the provider.
- (D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a financial sanction imposed under division (A) of this section is a judgment in favor of the state or the political subdivision that operates the court that imposed the financial sanction, and the offender subject to the financial sanction is the judgment debtor. A financial sanction of reimbursement imposed pursuant to division (A)(3)(a)(i) of this section upon an offender is a

judgment in favor of the entity administering the community control sanction, and the offender subject to the financial sanction is the judgment debtor. A financial sanction of reimbursement imposed pursuant to division (A)(3)(a)(ii) of this section upon an offender confined in a jail or other residential facility is a judgment in favor of the entity operating the jail or other residential facility, and the offender subject to the financial sanction is the judgment debtor. A financial sanction of restitution imposed pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section is an order in favor of the victim of the offender's criminal act that can be collected through a certificate of judgment as described in division (D)(1) of this section, through execution as described in division (D)(2) of this section, or through an order as described in division (D)(3) of this section, and the offender shall be considered for purposes of the collection as the judgment debtor.

Once the financial sanction is imposed as a judgment or order under this division, the victim, private provider, state, or political subdivision may do any of the following:

- (1) Obtain from the clerk of the court in which the judgment was entered, at no charge, a certificate of judgment that shall be in the same manner and form as a certificate of judgment issued in a civil action;
- (2) Obtain execution of the judgment or order through any available procedure, including any of the procedures identified in divisions (D)(1) and (2) of section 2929.18 of the Revised Code.
 - (3) Obtain an order for the assignment of wages of

the judgment debtor under section 1321.33 of the Revised Code.

- (E) The civil remedies authorized under division (D) of this section for the collection of the financial sanction supplement, but do not preclude, enforcement of the criminal sentence.
- (F) Each court imposing a financial sanction upon an offender under this section may designate the clerk of the court or another person to collect the financial sanction. The clerk, or another person authorized by law or the court to collect the financial sanction may do the following:
- (1) Enter into contracts with one or more public agencies or private vendors for the collection of amounts due under the sanction. Before entering into a contract for the collection of amounts due from an offender pursuant to any financial sanction imposed pursuant to this section, a court shall comply with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code.
- (2) Permit payment of all or any portion of the sanction in installments, by financial transaction device if the court is a county court or a municipal court operated by a county, by credit or debit card or by another electronic transfer if the court is a municipal court not operated by a county, or by any other reasonable method, in any time, and on any terms that court considers just, except that the maximum time permitted for payment shall not exceed five years. If the court is a county court or a municipal court operated by a county, the acceptance of payments by any financial transaction device shall be governed by the policy adopted by the board of

county commissioners of the county pursuant to section 301.28 of the Revised Code. If the court is a municipal court not operated by a county, the clerk may pay any fee associated with processing an electronic transfer out of public money or may charge the fee to the offender.

- (3) To defray administrative costs, charge a reasonable fee to an offender who elects a payment plan rather than a lump sum payment of any financial sanction.
- (G) If the court imposes one or more financial sanctions in addition to restitution, any amounts paid by the offender shall be credited first to restitution.
- (H) No financial sanction imposed under this section shall preclude a victim from bringing a civil action against the offender.
- (I) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, including civil enforcement actions, if a defendant who is sentenced to pay a fine, a fee or incarceration costs defaults in the payment of the fine, fee or incarceration costs or of any installment as ordered, the court, on motion of the prosecuting attorney, or on its own motion, shall require the defendant to show cause why the defendant's default should not be treated as contempt and may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.
- (J) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, including civil enforcement actions, if a defendant who is ordered to pay restitution defaults in the payment of the restitution or of any installment as ordered, the court, on motion of the prosecuting attorney, on motion of any person entitled to restitution pursuant to a court order or on its own motion, shall require the defendant to show

cause why the defendant's default should not be treated as <u>contempt and may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest</u>

for the defendant's appearance.

- (K) At any hearing on the order to show cause, the court, the prosecuting attorney, or a person entitled to restitution, or their attorney, may examine the defendant under oath concerning the defendant's financial condition, employment and assets or on any other matter relating to the defendant's ability to pay restitution.
- (L) If the court finds that the defendant has willfully failed to pay restitution, a fine, a fee, restitution or incarceration costs or finds that the defendant has intentionally refused to make a good faith effort to obtain the monies required for the payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes contempt and may do one of the following:
- (1) Order the defendant incarcerated in the county jail until the restitution, fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs, or a specified part of the restitution, fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs, is paid;
- (2) Revoke the defendant's probation and sentence the defendant to jail pursuant to law;
- (M) If the court finds that the default is not willful and that the defendant cannot pay despite sufficient good faith efforts to obtain the monies, the court may take any lawful action including:
- (1) Modify the manner in which the restitution, fine, fee or incarceration costs are to be paid;
- (2) Enter any reasonable order that would assure compliance with the order to pay;

- (3) Enter an order of garnishment for the collection of restitution, fines, fees, restitution or incarceration costs does not discharge a defendant incarcerated for nonpayment of the fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs until the amount of the fine, fee, restitution or incarceration costs is collected.
- (4) Order the defendant to perform community service, but only for fines, fees or incarceration costs. Orders of restitution cannot be satisfied with community service.
- (N) If restitution, fines, fees, restitution or incarceration costs are imposed on a business or corporation, it is the duty of the person or persons authorized to make disbursement from the assets of the business or corporation to pay them from those assets, and their failure to do so shall be held a contempt unless they make the showing required in subsection J or K of this section.
- (0) If a defendant is sentenced to pay restitution, a fine, a fee, restitution or incarceration costs, the clerk of the sentencing court, on request, shall make the defendant's payment history available to the prosecutor, victim, victim's attorney, probation department and court without cost.
- Sec. 2929.281. (A) (1) If the defendant is convicted of or pleads guilty to an offense in a criminal proceeding in which restitution is a mandatory part of the sentence imposed on the defendant, the court, on motion of the prosecuting attorney or other prosecutor, victim, or survivor may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a performance bond, or take any

other action to preserve the availability of property that may be necessary to satisfy an anticipated restitution order if the prosecuting attorney, victim, or survivor demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a substantial likelihood that the property with respect to which the order is sought will be necessary to satisfy an anticipated restitution order.

- (2) The court may issue an order under division

 (A) (1) of this section without notice to the defendant if
 the court determines that notice would jeopardize the
 availability of the property to satisfy a judgment of
 restitution. If the court issues an order under division

 (A) (1) of this section without notice to the defendant,
 the court shall promptly notify the defendant of the order
 and shall schedule a hearing on the motion to be held as
 soon as practicable but not more than ten days after the
 order is issued.
- (3) An order issued under division (A) (1) of this section shall not remain in effect for longer than ninety days unless it is renewed upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, victim, or survivor.
- (B) In a criminal proceeding in which restitution is a mandatory part of the sentence imposed on an offender, the victim may request that no restitution or less than full restitution be ordered or that the offender make restitution by means other than the payment of money. The court shall consider but is not required to grant a request made by a victim under this division.
- (C) (B) In determining the amount of restitution under this section, the court, subject to division (B) of this section, shall order full restitution for any past or

future expenses related to a victim's economic loss suffered by the victim due to the criminal conduct. The court shall not consider the defendant's present or future ability to pay restitution. The amount of restitution shall not be reduced by any payments to the victim for economic or other loss made or due under a policy of insurance or governmental program. If, at the time the court determines the amount of restitution, an insurance company or governmental entity has made payments to the victim for losses suffered as a result of the offense, the amounts of those payments that are included in restitution shall be paid to the insurance company or governmental entity. A pending insurance or governmental program claim made by a victim shall not delay a payment of restitution as ordered by the court. Past and future economic loss includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Full or partial payment for the value of stolen or damaged property. The value of stolen or damaged property shall be the replacement cost of the property, or the actual cost of repairing the property when repair is possible;
 - (2) Medical expenses;
 - (3) Mental health counseling expenses;
- (4) Wages or profits lost due to injury by the victim, and if the victim is a minor, wages or profits lost by the minor's parent(s) or guardian(s), while caring for the injured minor. Lost wages include commission income as well as base wages. Commission income shall be established by evidence of commission income during the 12-month period prior to the date of the crime for which restitution is being ordered, unless good cause for a

shorter time period is shown;

- (5) Wages or profits lost by the victim, and if the victim is a minor, wages or profits lost by the minor's parent(s) or guardian(s), due to time spent as a witness or assisting the police and prosecution. Lost wages include commission income as well as base wages.

 Commission income shall be established by evidence of commission income during the 12-month period prior to the date of the crime for which restitution is being ordered, unless good cause for a shorter time period is shown;
- (6) Noneconomic losses, including, but not limited to, psychological harm for violent felony and misdemeanor crimes;
- (7) Actual and reasonable attorney fees and other
 cots of collection accrued by a private entity on behalf
 of a victim;
- (8) Expenses incurred by an adult victim in relocating away from an offender, including but not limited to, deposits for utilities, deposits for rental housing, temporary lodging and food expenses, clothing and personal items. Expenses incurred pursuant to this section shall be verified by law enforcement to be necessary for the personal safety of the victim or by a mental health treatment provider to be necessary for the emotional well-being of the victim;
- (9) Expenses to install or increase residential security incurred related to violent felony and misdemeanor cases, including but not limited to, a home security device or system and monitoring fees, replacement or addition of locks;
 - (10) Expenses relating to making a vehicle and/or

residence accessible to the victim, if the victim is permanently disabled, either partial or total, as a direct result of the crime;

(11) Expenses for a period of time reasonably necessary to make the victim whole, for the costs to monitor the credit report of, and for the costs to repair the credit of, a victim of identity theft or financial exploitation.

(D) (C) The court may order that restitution be made by a single lump sum payment, partial payments at specified intervals, in-kind payments, or a combination of payments at specified intervals and in-kind payments. The length of time over which scheduled payments are established shall be the shortest time in which full payment reasonably can be made. In-kind payments may be in the form of the return of property, replacement of property, or if the victim agrees, services rendered to the victim or a person or organization other than the victim. The court may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a satisfactory performance bond, or take any other action to ensure payment of restitution, including an order that bail moneys deposited with the clerk of court be applied to payment of restitution.

(E) (D) Any money owed by the state or by a political subdivision of the state to an offender who is required to make restitution under this section, including any tax refund owed to the offender, shall be assigned first to the discharge of the offender's outstanding restitution obligation.

(F) (E) If an offender is required to make

restitution under this section in the form of monetary

payments to more than one victim, the offender shall make

the payments to the victims in the following order of

priority:

- (1) Individuals;
- (2) Victims in prior cases involving the same offender and in which victim restitution orders were issued;
 - (3) Nonprofit organizations;
 - (4) Business entities;
 - (5) Governmental entities.

(G) (F) A court that imposes restitution on an offender as part of the offender's sentence under this section shall not suspend that part of the offender's sentence unless the victim requests that the restitution part of the sentence be suspended. If the court suspends any other part of the offender's sentence, the offender's payment of restitution in accordance with the sentence shall be a condition of the suspended part of the sentence.

(H)(G) A restitution obligation imposed pursuant to this section is not subject to discharge in bankruptcy or to any other statutory or common-law proceeding for relief against creditors, except to the extent required by federal law.

(H) A restitution obligation imposed by a court does not expire until paid in full. The court retains jurisdiction over the restitution order and the obligation shall continue to be enforceable by a victim, victim's representative, or survivor until the obligation is satisfied.

- (I) (1) If money or property that is received pursuant to a sentence of restitution cannot be paid or delivered to the victim, victim's estate, or survivor within sixty days, the person or agency that receives the money or property shall provide written notice of that inability of payment or delivery to a crime victim service organization at least sixty days prior to paying the money or delivering the property under this division. If the money or property cannot be paid or delivered to the victim, victim's estate, or survivor after the expiration of sixty days from service of the notice under this division, the person or agency that received the money or property shall pay or deliver it to the Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds. reparations fund created by section 2743.191 of the Revised Code or to a crime victim service organization as determined under division (I)(2) of this section.
- (2) The administrative judge of the court shall determine annually whether any money or property that cannot be paid or delivered to any victim, victim's estate, or survivor as provided in division (I)(1) of this section in any case before the court be paid or delivered to the Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds. reparations fund or to a crime victim service organization.
- (3) As used in division (I) of this section, "crime victim service organization" has the same meaning as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code.
 - Sec. 2930.01. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise defined in any section in this chapter:
 - (A) "Criminal offense or delinquent act" means $\frac{1}{2}$ any

of the following: an act or omission committed by a person, whether or not competent or an adult, which, if committed by a competent adult, which, as charged, is punishable by incarceration.

(1) A felony;

- (2) A violation of section 2903.05, 2903.06,
 2903.13, 2903.14, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22,
 2903.31, 2903.34, 2905.03, 2905.05, 2905.12, 2907.06,
 2911.211, 2917.21, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2919.27, or
 2921.04 of the Revised Code, a violation of section
 2903.07 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March
 23, 2000, a violation of section 2909.06 of the Revised
 Code if the violation creates a risk of physical harm to
 any person, or a violation of a substantially equivalent
 municipal ordinance;
- (3) A violation of any section that is contained in Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code or a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance;
- (4) A violation of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19, division (A) or (B) of section 1547.11, or division (A) (3) of section 4561.15 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance substantially similar to any of those divisions that is the proximate cause of a vehicle, streetear, trackless trolley, aquatic device, or aircraft accident in which the victim receives injuries for which the victim receives medical treatment either at the scene of the accident by emergency medical services personnel or at a hospital, ambulatory care facility, physician's office, specialist's office, or other medical care

- (4) (5) A motor vehicle accident to which both of the following apply:
- (a) The motor vehicle accident is caused by a violation of a provision of the Revised Code that is a misdemeanor of the first degree or higher.
- (b) As a result of the motor vehicle accident, the victim receives injuries for which the victim receives medical treatment either at the scene of the accident by emergency medical services personnel or at a hospital, ambulatory care facility, physician's office, specialist's office, or other medical care facility.
 - (B) "Custodial agency" means one of the
 following:
- (1) The entity that has custody of a defendant or an alleged juvenile offender who is incarcerated for a crime, is under detention for the commission of a specified delinquent act, or who is detained after a finding of incompetence to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity relative to a crime, including any of the following:
- (a) The department of rehabilitation and correction or the adult parole authority;
 - (b) A county sheriff;
- (c) The entity that administers a jail, as defined in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code;
- (d) The entity that administers a community-based correctional facility and program or a district

community-based correctional facility and program;

- (e) The department of mental health and addiction services or other entity to which a defendant found incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity is committed.
- (2) The entity that has custody of an alleged juvenile offender pursuant to an order of disposition of a juvenile court, including the department of youth services or a school, camp, institution, or other facility operated for the care of delinquent children.
 - (C) "Defendant" means a person who is alleged to be the perpetrator of a crime in a police report or in a complaint, indictment, or information that charges the commission of a crime and that provides the basis for the criminal prosecution and subsequent proceedings to which this chapter makes reference.
 - (D) "Member of the victim's family" means a spouse, child, stepchild, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent, or other relative of a victim but does not include a person who is charged with, convicted of, or adjudicated to be a delinquent child for the crime or specified delinquent act against the victim or another crime or specified delinquent act arising from the same conduct, criminal episode, or plan.
 - (E) "Prosecutor" means one of the following:
- (1) With respect to a criminal case, it has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code and also includes the attorney general and, when appropriate,

the employees of any person listed in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code or of the attorney general.

- (2) With respect to a delinquency proceeding, it includes any person listed in division (C) of section 2935.01 of the Revised Code or an employee of a person listed in that division who prosecutes a delinquency proceeding.
 - (F) "Public agency" means an office, agency, department, bureau, or other governmental entity of the state or of a political subdivision of the state.
 - (G) "Public official" has the same meaning as in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code.
- (H) "Victim" means either of the following has the same meaning as defined in the Ohio Constitution, article I, section 10a.
- (1) A person who is identified as the victim of a crime or specified delinquent act in a police report or in a complaint, indictment, or information that charges the commission of a crime and that provides the basis for the criminal prosecution or delinquency proceeding and subsequent proceedings to which this chapter makes reference.
- (2) A person who receives injuries as a result of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, aquatic device, or aircraft accident that is proximately caused by a violation described in division (A) (3) (4) of this section or a motor vehicle accident that is proximately caused by a violation described in division (A) (4) (5) of this section and who receives medical treatment as

- (3) or (5) of this section, whichever is applicable.
- (I) "Victim's attorney" means an attorney retained by the victim for the purposes of asserting the victim's constitutional and statutory rights. Nothing in this statute creates a right to counsel at public expense for a victim. Nothing in this statute prohibits courts from appointing counsel for victims, in the court's discretion.
- (I) (J) "Victim's representative" means a member of the victim's family or another person who pursuant to the authority of section 2930.02 of the Revised Code exercises the rights of a victim under this chapter.
- $\frac{(J)}{(K)}$ "Court" means a court of common pleas, juvenile court, municipal court, or county court.
- (K) (L) "Delinquency proceeding" means all proceedings in a juvenile court that are related to a case in which a complaint has been filed alleging that a child is a delinquent child.
- $\frac{\text{(L)}}{\text{(M)}}$ "Case" means a delinquency proceeding and all related activity or a criminal prosecution and all related activity.
- (M) (N) The "defense" means the defense against criminal charges in a criminal prosecution or the defense against a delinquent child complaint in a delinquency proceeding.
- $\overline{\text{(N)}}$ $\overline{\text{(O)}}$ The "prosecution" means the prosecution of criminal charges in a criminal prosecution or the

prosecution of a delinquent child complaint in a delinquency proceeding.

- (O) "Specified delinquent act" means any of the following:
- (1) An act committed by a child that if committed by an adult would be a felony;
- (2) An act committed by a child that is a violation of a section listed in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section or is a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance;
- (3) An act committed by a child that is a violation described in division (A)(3) of this section or is a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance;
- (4) An act committed by a child that is described in division (A) (3) or (4) or (5) of this section.
- (P)(1) "Alleged juvenile offender" means a child who is alleged to have committed a specified delinquent act in a police report or in a complaint in juvenile court that charges the commission of a specified delinquent act and that provides the basis for the delinquency proceeding and all subsequent proceedings to which this chapter makes reference.
- (2) As used in divisions (0) and (P)(1) of this section, "child" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.
- (Q) "Motor vehicle accident" means any accident involving a motor vehicle.

- (R) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4509.01 of the Revised Code.
- (S) "Aircraft" has the same meaning as in section 4561.01 of the Revised Code.
- (T) "Aquatic device" means any vessel, or any water skis, aquaplane, or similar device.
- (U) "Vehicle," "streetcar," and "trackless trolley" have the same meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.
- (V) "Vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, aquatic device, or aircraft accident" means any accident involving a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, aquatic device, or aircraft.
- (W) "Vessel" has the same meaning as in section 1547.01 of the Revised Code.
- victim service organization who provides support and assistance for a victim of a crime or specified delinquent act during in relation to criminal, administrative, and delinquency cases and/or proceedings and recovery efforts related to the crime or specified delinquent act.
- (Y) "Crime victim service organization" means any organization that is not organized for profit and that is organized and operated to provide, or to contribute to the support of organizations or institutions that are organized and operated to provide, services and assistance for victims of crime or specified delinquent

- (Z) "Other harmed person" means any person, other than a victim of a crime or specified delinquent act, who suffers any emotional, psychological, physical, or financial harm as a result of the crime or specified delinquent act.
- (Z) "Prosecutor's designee" does not include a court or court employee.
- (AA) "Petition" as used in this chapter and in article I, section 10a of the Ohio constitution means to file an appeal or to seek an extraordinary writ.
- (BB) "Reasonable protection" as used in this chapter and in article I, section 10a of the Ohio constitution means protection that is both objectively and subjectively reasonable.
- Sec. 2930.02. (A) Any of the following may exercise the rights of a victim under this chapter as the victim's representative:
- (1) A member of the victim's family, a victim advocate, or if the victim chooses to designate another person, that other person;
- (2) If a victim is a minor or is incapacitated, incompetent, or deceased, or if the victim chooses to designate another person except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, a member of a the victim's family or another person may exercise the rights of the victim under this chapter as the victim's representative a victim advocate;

- (3) If the case involves a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.05, or 2903.06 of the Revised Code, a member of the deceased victim's family, a victim advocate, or another person designated by one or more members of the deceased victim's family.
- (B) If more than one person seeks to act as the victim's representative for a particular victim, the court in which has jurisdiction over the criminal matter or the court in which the criminal prosecution or delinquency proceeding is held shall designate one of those persons as the victim's representative. If a victim does not want to have anyone act as the victim's representative, the court shall order that only the victim may exercise the rights of a victim under this chapter.
- (B) (C) If pursuant to division (A) of this section a victim's representative is to exercise the rights of a victim, the victim or victim's representative shall notify the prosecutor or, if it is a delinquency proceeding and a prosecutor is not involved in the case, shall notify the court that the victim's representative is to act for the victim. When a victim or victim's representative has so notified the prosecutor or the court, all notice under this chapter shall be sent only to the victim's representative, all rights under this chapter shall be granted only to the victim's representative, and all references in this chapter to a victim, except the references to a victim in section 2930.071 of the Revised Code, shall be interpreted as

being references to the victim's representative unless the victim informs the notifying authority that the victim also wishes to receive the notices or exercise the rights. If division (B) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code requires a victim to make a request in order to receive any notice of a type described in this division and if a victim's representative is to exercise the rights of the victim, the victim's representative shall make the request.

- Sec. 2930.04 (A) After its initial contact with a victim of a crime, the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating the crime promptly shall provide the victim with a multi-copy form:
- (1) That allows the victim to request applicable rights to which the victim is entitled, on request, under this section.
- (2) That provides the victim a method to designate a lawful representative if the victim chooses.
- (3) That provides notice to the victim of all of the following information:
- (a) The victim's rights under this section and the victims' bill of rights, article I, section 10a,

 Constitution of Ohio and any implementing legislation, including the right to exercise these rights through counsel.
- (b) The availability, if any, of crisis intervention services, housing, and emergency and medical services.
 - (c) That the victim has the right to have an

interpreter present at all court proceedings, all
meetings with the prosecutor's office, and all contacts
with law enforcement, at no cost to the victim.

- (d) When applicable, the procedures and resources available for the protection of the victim, including protection orders issued by the courts.
- (e) The names and telephone numbers of public and private victim assistance programs, including the victim compensation program and programs that provide counseling, treatment, and other support services.
- (f) The police report number, business telephone number of the law enforcement officer assigned to investigate the case, and the office address and business telephone number of the prosecutor in the case, when available, and the following statement:

If within thirty days you are not notified of an arrest in your case, you may call (the law enforcement agency's telephone number) for the status of the case.

After that time, you have the right to be informed by law enforcement of the status of the case at least once per month from the beginning of the initial investigation to the right to be informed by the prosecutor through the final appellate review.

- (g) Whether the suspect is an adult or juvenile, a statement that the victim will be notified by the law enforcement agency at the earliest opportunity after the arrest of a suspect.
 - (h) If the suspect has been arrested, the victim's

right, on request, to be informed of the suspect's release, of the next regularly scheduled time, place, and date for initial appearances in the jurisdiction and of the victim's right to be heard at the initial appearance and that, to exercise these rights, the victim is advised to contact the custodial agency regarding the suspect's release and to contact the court regarding any changes to the initial appearance schedule.

- (i) If the victim chooses to exercise the right to be heard through a written statement, how that statement may be submitted to the court.
- (j) That the victim or the immediate family member of the victim, if the victim is killed or incapacitated, has the right to receive one copy of the police report, including any supplements to the report, upon request, from the investigating law enforcement agency at no charge pursuant to section 2930.043.
- (B) If at the time of contact with a law enforcement agency the victim does not is physically or emotionally unable to request or waive applicable rights, the law enforcement agency shall designate this on the multi-copy form and the entities that may be subsequently affected shall presume that the victim invoked the victim's right to request applicable rights to which the victim is entitled, on request, unless the victim later waives those rights.
- (C) The law enforcement agency shall submit a copy of the victim's request or waiver of pre-conviction rights form to the custodial agency and a copy to the

prosecutor if a suspect is arrested, at the time the suspect is taken into custody. If there is no arrest, the form copies shall be submitted to the prosecutor at the time the case is otherwise presented to the prosecutor for review. The prosecutor shall submit a copy of the victim's request or waiver of pre-conviction rights form to the departments or sections of the prosecutor's office, or prosecutor's designee, if applicable, that provide victims' rights services on request.

- (D) If the suspected offender is cited and released, the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating the offense shall inform the victim of the court date and how to obtain additional information about the subsequent criminal proceedings.
- (E) If a suspect has not been arrested at the time of contact with the victim pursuant to subsection A of this section, the law enforcement agency that is responsible for investigating the offense shall notify the victim of the arrest of a suspect at the earliest opportunity after the arrest and of the time, place and date for the initial appearance.
- -(A) After its initial contact with a victim of a crime, the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating the crime promptly shall give to the victim, in writing, all of the following information:
- (1) An explanation of the victim's rights under this chapter;
 - (2) Information about medical, counseling, housing,

emergency, and any other services that are available to a
victim;

- (3) Information about compensation for victims under the reparations program in sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code and the name, street address, and telephone number of the agency to contact to apply for an award of reparations under those sections;
- (4) Information about protection that is available to the victim, including protective orders issued by a court.
- (B) As soon as practicable after its initial contact with a victim of a crime, the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating the crime shall give to the victim all of the following information:
- (1) The business telephone number of the law enforcement officer assigned to investigate the case;
- (2) The office address and business telephone number of the prosecutor in the case;
- (3) A statement that if the victim is not notified of the arrest of the offender in the case within a reasonable period of time, the victim may contact the law enforcement agency to learn the status of the case.
- (C) (F) To the extent that the information required by this section is provided in the pamphlet prepared pursuant to section 109.42 of the Revised Code or in the information card or other material prepared pursuant to section 2743.71 of the Revised Code, the law enforcement agency may fulfill that portion of its obligations under

this section by giving that pamphlet, information card, or other material to the victim.

- Sec. 2930.041 The victim has the right to have an interpreter present at all court proceedings, all meetings with the prosecutor's office, and all contacts with law enforcement, at no cost to the victim.
- Sec. 2930.042 The law enforcement agency shall timely provide the victim in a cold case information concerning any change in the status of the case. In addition, upon the written request of the victim, the law enforcement agency shall provide an update at least annually to the victim concerning the status of a cold case involving one or more crimes for which the criminal statute of limitations is longer than three years.
- Sec. 2930.043 A victim or the immediate family member of a victim, if the victim is killed or incapacitated, has the right to receive one copy of the police report, upon request, including any supplements to the report, from the investigating law enforcement agency at no charge.
- Sec. 2930.05. (A) Within a reasonable period of time, but in any case, not to exceed five days, after the arrest or detention of a defendant or an alleged juvenile offender for a crime or specified delinquent act, the law enforcement agency that investigates the crime or specified delinquent act shall give the victim of the crime or specified delinquent act notice of all of the following:
 - (1) The arrest or detention;

- (2) The name of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender;
- (3) Whether the defendant or alleged juvenile offender is eligible for pretrial release or for release from detention;
- (4) That, upon request of the victim, the custodial agency shall provide a copy of the terms and conditions of release to the victim unless the accused appeared in response to a summons. In that case, upon request of the victim, the prosecutor's office, or prosecutor's designee, shall provide a copy of the terms and conditions of release to the victim.
 - (4) $\underline{\text{(5)}}$ The telephone number of the law enforcement agency;
 - (5) <u>(6)</u> The victim's right to telephone the agency to ascertain whether the defendant or alleged juvenile offender has been released from custody or from detention.
 - (B) (1) If a defendant or alleged juvenile offender has been released from custody on a bond or personal recognizance or has been released from detention and the prosecutor in the case has received the affidavit of a victim stating that the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, or someone acting at the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's direction, has committed or threatened to commit one or more acts of violence, harassment, or intimidation against the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's representative, the prosecutor may file a motion asking the court to

reconsider the conditions of the bond or personal recognizance granted to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender or to consider returning the defendant or alleged juvenile offender to detention.

(2) If the prosecutor does not file a motion under division (B)(1) of this section, the prosecutor, or prosecutor's designee, shall inform the victim that the victim, or victim's attorney may file a petition asking the court to reconsider the conditions of the bond or personal recognizance granted to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender or to consider returning the defendant or alleged juvenile offender to detention based on the victim's affidavit as described in that division.

Sec. 2930.06. (A) The prosecutor in a case, to the extent practicable, shall confer with the victim in the case before pretrial diversion is granted to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case, before amending or dismissing an indictment, information, or complaint against that defendant or alleged juvenile offender, before agreeing to a negotiated plea for that defendant or alleged juvenile offender, before a trial of that defendant by judge or jury, before the juvenile court conducts an adjudicatory hearing for that alleged juvenile offender, and upon victim request. If the juvenile court disposes of a case prior to the prosecutor's involvement in the case, the court or a court employee shall notify the victim in the case that the alleged juvenile offender will be granted pretrial

diversion, the complaint against that alleged juvenile offender will be amended or dismissed, or the court will conduct an adjudicatory hearing for that alleged juvenile offender. If the prosecutor fails to confer with the victim at any of those times, the court, if informed of the failure, shall note on the record the failure and the prosecutor's reasons for the failure. A prosecutor's failure to confer with a victim as required by this division and a court's failure to provide the notice as required by this division do not affect the validity of an agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case, a pretrial diversion of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, an amendment or dismissal of an indictment, information, or complaint filed against the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, a plea entered by the defendant or alleged juvenile defender, an admission entered by the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, or any other disposition in the case. A court shall not dismiss a criminal complaint, charge, information, or indictment or a delinquent child complaint solely at the request of the victim and over the objection of the prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or other chief legal officer responsible for the prosecution of the case.

(B) Within seven days A—after a prosecution in a case has been commenced, the prosecutor or a prosecutor's designee, to the extent practicable, promptly shall give the victim all of the following information, except that, if the juvenile court disposes of a case prior to the

prosecutor's involvement in the case, the court or a court employee, to the extent practicable, promptly shall give the victim all of the following information:

- (1) The name of the crime or specified delinquent act with which the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case has been charged and the name of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender;
 - (2) The file number of the case;
- (3) A brief clear and concise statement regarding the procedural steps in a criminal prosecution or delinquency proceeding involving a crime or specified delinquent act similar to the crime or specified delinquent act with which the defendant or alleged juvenile offender has been charged and the right of the victim to be present during all proceedings held throughout the prosecution of the case;
- (4) A summary of the rights of a victim under this section and under the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights in article I, section 10a of the Ohio Constitution and any implementing legislation;
- (5) Procedures the victim or the prosecutor may follow if the victim becomes subject to threats of violence, harassment, or intimidation by the defendant, alleged juvenile offender, or any other person;
- (6) The name and business telephone number of a person to contact for further information with respect to the case;
 - (7) The right of the victim to have a victim's

representative exercise the victim's rights under this chapter in accordance with section 2930.02 of the Revised Code and the procedure by which a victim's representative may be designated;

- (8) The right of the victim to confer with the prosecuting attorney upon request and the procedures the victim shall follow to confer with the prosecuting attorney;
- (9) The fact that the crime victim can seek the advice of an attorney and/or have legal representation to enforce their rights;
- (10) Notice that any notification under division (C) of this section, sections 2930.07 to 2930.15, division (A), (B), or
- (C) of section 2930.16, sections 2930.17 to 2930.19, and section 5139.56 of the Revised Code will be given to the victim only if the victim asks to receive the notification and that notice under division (E) (2) or (K) of section 2929.20, division (D) of section 2930.16, division (H) of section 2967.12, division (E) (1) (b) of section 2967.19, division (A) (3) (b) of section 2967.26, division (D) (1) of section 2967.28, or division (A) (2) of section 5149.101 of the Revised Code will be given unless the victim asks that the notification not be provided.
- or written notice no later than seven days prior to a scheduled court proceeding attendant to a criminal or delinquency offense, unless a shorter notice period is reasonable under the circumstance. The prosecutor's

office, or prosecutor's designee, shall convey the information concerning the scheduled court proceeding to the victim, as provided in this section. Upon the request of the victim, the prosecutor or, if it is a delinquency proceeding and a prosecutor is not involved in the case, the court shall give the victim notice of the date, time, and place of any scheduled criminal or juvenile proceedings in the case and notice of any changes in those proceedings or in the schedule in the case.

- (D) A victim who requests notice under division (C) of this section and who elects pursuant to division (B) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code to receive any further notice from the prosecutor or, if it is a delinquency proceeding and a prosecutor is not involved in the case, the court under this chapter shall keep the prosecutor or the court informed of the victim's current address and telephone number until the case is dismissed or terminated, the defendant is acquitted or sentenced, the delinquent child complaint is dismissed, the defendant is adjudicated a delinquent child, or the appellate process is completed, whichever is the final disposition in the case.
- (E) If a defendant is charged with the commission of a misdemeanor offense that is not identified in division (A)(2) of section 2930.01 of the Revised Code and if a police report or a complaint, indictment, or information that charges the commission of that offense and provides the basis for a criminal prosecution of that defendant identifies one or more individuals as individuals against whom that offense was committed, after a prosecution in

the case has been commenced, the prosecutor or a designee of the prosecutor other than a court or court employee, to the extent practicable, promptly shall notify each of the individuals so identified in the report, complaint, indictment, or information that, if the defendant is convicted of or pleads guilty to the offense, the individual may make an oral or-and written statement to the court hearing the case regarding the sentence to be imposed upon the defendant and that the court must consider any statement so made that is relevant. Before imposing sentence in the case, the court shall permit the individuals so identified in the report, complaint, indictment, or information, and at the request of the prosecutor, may permit any other harmed person, to make an oral or—and written statement. Division (A) of section 2930.14 of the Revised Code applies regarding any statement so made. The court shall consider a statement so made, in accordance with division (B) of that section and division (D) of section 2929.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2930.063. Right of victim to access court file. (A) Upon request, the victim has the right to receive copies of all documents filed in the court file at no cost to the victim.

(B) In any criminal or delinquency proceeding in which a transcript, video recording, or audio recording of the court proceedings is prepared, the victim may obtain a copy of the transcript, video recording, or audio recording at no cost to the victim.

Sec. 2930.07. (A) If the prosecutor in a case determines that there are reasonable grounds for the victim in a case to be apprehensive regarding acts or threats of violence, harassment, or intimidation by the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case or at the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's direction against the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's representative, the prosecutor or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the court requesting that the court issue an order specifying that the victim and other witnesses in the case not be compelled in any phase of the criminal or delinquency proceeding to give testimony that would disclose the victim's or victim's representative's address, place of employment, or similar identifying fact without the victim's or victim's representative's consent. The court shall hold a hearing on the motion in chambers, and a court reporter shall make a record of the proceeding.

(B) If the court, pursuant to division (A) of this section, orders that the victim's or victim's representative's address, telephone number, place of employment, or other identifying fact shall be confidential, the court files or documents shall not contain that information unless it is used to identify the location of the crime or specified delinquent act. The hearing shall be recorded, and the court shall order the transcript sealed.

Sec. 2930.07. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Case document" means a document or information

in a document regarding a case that is submitted to a court, a law enforcement agency or officer, prosecutor, or filed with a clerk of court, including, but not limited to, documents contained in a prosecutor's file that can be turned over to the victim without prejudicing the prosecutor's case and that are relevant to the exercise of victims' rights, pleadings, motions, exhibits, transcripts, orders, and judgments, or any documentation prepared by a court, clerk of court, or law enforcement agency or officer regarding a case.

- (2) "Court" has the same meaning as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code and includes a court of appeals and the supreme court.
- (3) "Minor victim" means any person who was under eighteen years of age at the time of the commission of the crime or specified delinquent act of which the person is a victim.
- (4) "Public office" and "public official" have the same meanings as in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.
- (6) "Domestic violence victim" means any victim of a violation described in section 2919.25 of the Revised Code or a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.
- (7) "Menacing by stalking victim" means any victim
 of a violation described in section 2903.211 of the
 Revised Code or a violation of a substantially equivalent

- (8) "Human trafficking victim" means any victim of a violation described in section 2905.32 of the Revised

 Code or a violation of a substantially equivalent

 municipal ordinance.
- (B) (1) The victim of a crime has the right, at any court proceeding, including any juvenile court proceeding, not to testify regarding the victim's address, telephone number, place of employment, or other locating information unless the victim specifically consents or the court orders disclosure on finding that a compelling need exists to disclose the information. A court proceeding on whether to order disclosure shall be in camera. The victim and the victim's attorney shall be present during the in camera proceeding. If the court ultimately orders disclosure, the proceedings shall be closed during the relevant portion thereof.
- (2) A defendant may not compel any witness to a crime, at any court proceeding, including any juvenile court proceeding, to testify regarding the witness's address, telephone number, place of employment, or other locating information unless the witness specifically consents in writing or the court orders disclosure on finding that a compelling need for the information exists. A court proceeding on whether to order disclosure shall be in camera. The victim and the victim's attorney shall be present during the in camera proceeding.
- (C)(1) In order to protect the identity, and provide for the safety and welfare of, minor victims, sex offense

victims, domestic violence victims, menacing by stalking victims, or human trafficking victims except as otherwise provided in division (E) of this section, the court in a case involving a sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim shall issue an order that prohibits any party, attorney, witness, or other person who is participating in the case or any public office or public official from publicly disclosing the name, address, or other identifying information of the victim.

- (2) A violation of an order of the court issued under division (B)(1) of this section is punishable as contempt of court.
- (C) (D) Any public office or public official that is charged with the responsibility of knowing the name, address, or other identifying information of a minor victim, sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim as part of the office's or official's duties shall have full and complete access to the name, address, or other identifying information of the victim. That public office or public official shall take measures to prevent the public disclosure of the name, address, or other identifying information of the victim through the use of redaction, pseudonym, abbreviation, or other form of indefinite description of the victim, but not the initials of the victim's name.
- (E) (1) Subject to division (D) (2) of this section, no case document in a case involving a minor victim, sex

offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim shall contain the name, address, or other identifying information of the victim. A case document may contain a pseudonym, abbreviation, or other form of indefinite description of the victim, but shall not contain the initials of the victim's name.

- (2) If the name, address, or other identifying information of a minor victim, sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim is required to be disclosed in a case document that is subject to public access under applicable law or rule of court, the name, address, or other identifying information of the victim shall be redacted from the document.
- (F) A minor victim, sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim or a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor victim may waive the confidentiality under this section of the name, address, or other identifying information of the victim or minor victim, as applicable, if the waiver is knowingly and voluntarily executed in a written document that is either acknowledged before a notary public or witnessed by one disinterested person.
- (G) (1) This section does not apply to any disclosure of the name, address, or other identifying information of a minor victim, sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim that is required to be made in an AMBER alert system, missing person alert system, or

- (2) This section does not apply to any disclosure of the name, address, or other identifying information of a minor victim of a crime or specified delinquent act that resulted in the death of the minor victim.
- (3) This section does not apply to the disclosure of the name of a minor victim, sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case or the attorney of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall prevent a minor victim, sex offense victim, domestic violence victim, menacing by stalking victim, or human trafficking victim, a victim representative of either victim, or a victim's attorney of either victim from receiving a copy of any case document that the person is entitled to receive under applicable law or rule of court.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall affect any rights of a victim to be provided with notice or to make any written or oral statement under this chapter or other applicable law.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall affect the disclosure of the general location at which the reported crime occurred.

enforcement agencies of the state a pseudonym form to record the name, address, telephone number, and pseudonym of a victim.

- instead of the victim's name to designate the victim in all public files and records concerning the offense, including police summary reports, press releases, and records of judicial proceedings. A victim who elects to use a pseudonym as provided by this article must complete a pseudonym form developed under this article and return the form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense. A victim who completes and returns a pseudonym form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense may not be required to disclose the victim's name, address, and telephone number in connection with the investigation or prosecution of the offense.
- (3) A completed and returned pseudonym form is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person other than a defendant in the case or the defendant's attorney, except on an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

 If a victim completes and returns a pseudonym form to a law enforcement agency under this article, the law enforcement agency receiving the form shall:
- (i) remove the victim's name and substitute the pseudonym for the name on all reports, files, and records in the agency's possession;
- (ii) notify the prosecuting attorney of the pseudonym and that the victim has elected to be designated by the pseudonym; and

- (iv) maintain the form in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the information contained on the form.
- (4) An attorney for the state who receives notice that a victim has elected to be designated by a pseudonym shall ensure that the victim is designated by the pseudonym in all legal proceedings concerning the offense.
- (5) A court of competent jurisdiction may order the disclosure of a victim's name, address, and telephone number only if the court finds that the information is essential in the trial of the defendant for the offense or the identity of the victim is in issue.
- Sec. 2930.071 (A) (1) A defendant who seeks to subpoena records of or concerning the victim that are confidential or privileged by law must seek permission of the court before the subpoena is issued. The defendant must file a written motion regarding the relevance, admissibility, and materiality of the records. The defendant must serve this motion on the victim or victim's attorney.
- (2) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that: (1) the records are not protected by an absolute privilege and (2) the records contain relevant, admissible, and material evidence that is not available through other witnesses or evidence, the court shall issue a subpoena.
- (3) The court, upon motion made promptly and in any event made at or before the time specified in the subpoena for compliance therewith, may quash or modify

the subpoena if compliance would be unreasonable or oppressive. If the court does not quash the subpoena, the court must conduct an in camera review of the records.

- (4) If, after conducting an in camera review of the records, the court determines that due process requires disclosure of any portion of the records, the court shall provide copies of what it intends to disclose to the prosecuting attorney and the victim. The prosecuting attorney and the victim shall have 30 days to seek appellate review before the records are disclosed to the defendant. The disclosure of copies of any portion of the records to the prosecuting attorney does not make the records subject to discovery.
- (B) Before any victim may be subpoenaed to testify on behalf of a defendant at any pretrial hearing, the defendant shall show good cause at a hearing with the prosecuting attorney and victim, victim's representative, and/or victim's attorney as to why the subpoena should be issued. Willful disregard of the rights of victims and witnesses as enumerated in this Paragraph may be punishable as contempt of court.
- Sec. 2930.072. (A) Unless the victim consents, and indicates his or her consent in writing, the victim shall not be compelled to submit to an interview on any matter, including any charged criminal offense witnessed by the victim and that occurred on the same occasion as the offense against the victim, or filed in the same indictment or information or consolidated for trial, that is conducted by the defendant, the defendant's attorney,

- agent of the defendant shall only initiate contact with the victim through the prosecutor's office or the victim's attorney, if the victim is represented by counsel. The prosecutor's office shall promptly inform the victim of the defendant's request for an interview and shall advise the victim of the victim's right to refuse the interview. The prosecutor shall inform the victim of the victim's right to an attorney.
- (C) The prosecutor shall inform the victim, victim's representative, or victim's attorney of any correspondence and its contents from the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant and shall not be required to forward any correspondence from the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant to the victim, or the victim's representative, or victim's attorney, upon request.
- (D) If the victim consents to an interview, the prosecutor's office shall inform the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant of the time and place the victim has selected for the interview. If the victim wishes to impose other conditions on the interview, the prosecutor's office shall inform the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant of the conditions. The victim has the right to terminate the interview at any time or to refuse to answer any question during the interview. The prosecutor or the victim's attorney, if the victim is represented by counsel, has standing at the request of the victim to protect the victim from harassment, intimidation or abuse

- and, pursuant to that standing, may seek any appropriate protective court order.
- (E) The prosecutor may attend all interviews. If a transcript or tape recording of the interview is made and on request of the prosecutor, the prosecutor shall receive a copy of the transcript or tape recording at the prosecutor's expense.
- (F) If the defendant or the defendant's attorney comments at trial on the victim's refusal to be interviewed, the court shall instruct the jury that the victim has the right to refuse an interview.
- guardian, or victim representative of a minor child who exercises victims' rights on behalf of the minor child.

 Notwithstanding subsection E of this section, the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant may not interview a minor child who has agreed to an interview, even if the minor child's parent, explegal guardian, or victim representative initiates contact with the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant, unless the prosecutor is actually notified at least five days in advance, the minor is informed that the prosecutor may be present at the interview, and the victim's attorney, if the victim has an attorney, is notified at least five days in advance.
 - Sec. 2930.08. (A) (1) The court, prosecutor, and law enforcement officials involved in the case shall take appropriate action to ensure a speedy disposition of the case under the same standards that govern a defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's right to a speedy trial.
 - (2) A victim of a crime or a specified delinquent

act has the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay and a prompt conclusion of the case.

- (B) If a motion, request, or agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's counsel is made in a case, including a motion, request, or agreement for a continuance of the case, and the motion, request, or agreement might result in a substantial delay in the prosecution of the case, the prosecutor in the case, to the extent practicable and, if the victim has requested notice and has provided current contact information pursuant to division (B) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code, shall inform the victim that the motion, request, or agreement has been made and that it might result in a delay. If the victim objects to the delay, the prosecutor shall inform the court of the victim's objections, and the court shall consider the victim's objections and the victim's right to a speedy disposition of the case in ruling on the motion, request, or agreement.
- (C) (1) A motion, request, or agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's counsel for a continuance of the case shall be in writing unless the court makes a finding on the record that exigent circumstances exist to permit an oral motion, request, or agreement. If a victim is represented by counsel who has filed a notice of appearance in the case, the court shall notify the victim's counsel, in the same manner in which the parties are notified, of a written motion, request, or agreement for a continuance

- (2) The court shall grant a motion, request, or agreement for a continuance of the case only if extraordinary circumstances exist and delay in the prosecution of the case is indispensable to the interests of justice. The court may grant a motion, request, or agreement for a continuance of the case only for the time necessary to serve the interests of justice. If a continuance is granted, the court shall state on the record the specific reason for the continuance.
- Sec. 2930.09. (A) (1) A victim in a case may has the right to be present whenever the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case is present during any stage of the case against the defendant or alleged juvenile offender that is conducted on the record, other than a grand jury proceeding, unless the court determines that exclusion of the victim is necessary to protect the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's right to a fair trial or to a fair delinquency proceeding. At any stage of the case at which the victim is present, the court, at the victim's request, shall permit the victim to be accompanied by an individual to provide support to the victim unless the court determines that exclusion of the individual is necessary to protect the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's right to a fair trial or to a fair delinquency proceeding.
- (2) If the victim is not present at a court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue, the court shall ask the prosecuting attorney whether the victim was notified of the time, place, and purpose of

the court proceeding and that the victim had a right to be heard at the court proceeding. If the court determines that timely notice was not given or that the victim was not adequately informed of the nature of the court proceeding, the court shall not rule on any substantive issues, accept a plea, or impose a sentence and shall continue the hearing for the time necessary to notify the victim of the time, place, and nature of the court proceeding. The time between court proceedings shall not be attributable to the State.

- (B) The victim has the right to be present and be heard at any proceeding in which a negotiated plea for the defendant or alleged juvenile offender will be presented to the court. If present, the victim has the right to be heard in writing and/or orally make a statement prior to the acceptance of the plea by the court. The victim may present at the plea proceedings a written and oral statement regarding the plea.
- (C) The court shall not accept a plea agreement unless all of the following apply:
- (1) The prosecutor advises the court that before requesting and agreeing to a negotiated plea, the prosecutor conferred with the victim pursuant to section 2930.06 of the Revised Code.
- (2) The prosecutor made reasonable efforts to give the victim notice of the plea proceedings and to inform the victim of the victim's right to be present and be heard at the plea proceedings.
 - (3) The prosecutor discloses to the court any and

- all attempts made to give each victim notice of the plea agreement, including the offense or delinquent act to which the defendant or alleged juvenile offender will plead guilty, the date that the plea will be presented to the court, and the terms of any sentence or disposition agreed to as part of the negotiated plea.
- (4) The prosecutor informs the court of the victim's position, if known, regarding the negotiated plea and any objection by the victim to the plea agreement.
- (5) The prosecutor advises the court that to the best of the prosecutor's knowledge the notice requirements of this chapter have been complied with.
- (D) The victim has the right to be present and be heard orally and/or in writing provide a written and oral statement at any proceeding in which the court considers the post-arrest release of the person accused of committing a criminal offense against the victim or the conditions of that release, including the arraignment or initial appearance.at a scheduled bail or bond hearing regarding any evidence indicating whether the defendant or alleged juvenile offender represents a danger to the victim or the community if released.
- (E) The victim has the right to be present and be heard at any probation revocation disposition proceeding or any proceeding in which the court is requested to terminate the probation or intensive probation of a person who is convicted of committing a criminal offense against the victim.
 - (F) The victim has the right to be heard at any

proceeding in which the court is requested to modify the terms of probation or intensive probation of a person if the modification will substantially affect the person's contact with or safety of the victim or if the modification involves restitution or incarceration status.

Sec. 2930.11 Returning or retaining victim's property.

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section or in Chapter 2981. of the Revised Code, the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating a crime or specified delinquent act shall promptly return to the victim of the crime or specified delinquent act any property of the victim that was taken in the course of the investigation. In accordance with Criminal Rule 26 or an applicable Juvenile Rule, the law enforcement agency may take photographs of the property for use as evidence. If the ownership of the property is in dispute, the agency shall not return the property until the dispute is resolved. Except as provided in sections (B) and (C), a court order is not required to release property to a victim.
- (B) The law enforcement agency responsible for investigating a crime or specified delinquent act shall retain any property of the victim of the crime or specified delinquent act that is needed as evidence in the case, including any weapon used in the commission of the crime or specified delinquent act, if the prosecutor certifies to the court a need to retain the property in lieu of a photograph of the property or of another evidentiary substitute for the property itself.

(C) If the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in a case files a motion requesting the court to order the law enforcement agency to retain property of the victim because the property is needed for the defense in the case, the agency shall retain the property until the court rules on the motion. The court, in making a determination on the motion, shall weigh the victim's need for the property against the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's assertion that the property has evidentiary value for the defense. The court shall rule on the motion in a timely fashion.

Sec. 2930.12. At the request of the victim in a criminal prosecution or delinquency proceeding, the prosecutor shall give the victim notice of the defendant's acquittal or conviction within seven days of the acquittal or conviction. At the request of the victim in a delinquency proceeding, the prosecutor, or prosecutor's designee shall give the victim notice of the dismissal of the complaint against the alleged juvenile offender or of the adjudication of the alleged juvenile offender as a delinquent child, except that, if the juvenile court dismisses the complaint against the alleged juvenile offender or adjudicates the alleged juvenile offender a delinguent child prior to the prosecutor's involvement in the case, at the request of the victim, the court or a court employee shall give the victim notice of the dismissal or of the adjudication. If the defendant or alleged juvenile offender is convicted or is adjudicated a delinquent child, the notice shall include all of the following:

- (A) The crimes or specified delinquent acts of which the defendant was convicted or for which the alleged juvenile offender was adjudicated a delinquent child;
- (B) The function of the presentence investigation report and that the victim has a right to review and receive, upon request to the prosecutor, a copy of the presentence investigation report except those portions made confidential by law;
- (B)—(C)(1) The address and telephone number of the probation office or other person, if any, that is to prepare a presentence investigation report pursuant to section 2951.03 of the Revised Code or Criminal Rule 32.2, the address and telephone number of the person, if any, who is to prepare a disposition investigation report pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 2152.18 of the Revised Code, and the address and telephone number of the person, if any, who is to prepare a victim impact statement pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 2152.19 or section 2947.051 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Notice provided pursuant to this section does not remove the probation department's responsibility to initiate contact between the victim and the probation department, either directly or through the crime victim services organization assisting the victim, concerning the victim's economic, physical, psychological, or emotional harm.
- (C) (D) Notice that the victim may make a statement about the impact of the crime or specified delinquent act to the probation officer or other person, if any, who

prepares the presentence investigation report or to the person, if any, who prepares a victim impact statement, that a statement of the victim included in the report will be made available to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender unless the court exempts it from disclosure, and that the court may make the victim impact statement available to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender;

- (D)—(E) Notice of the victim's right under section 2930.14 of the Revised Code to make a statement about the impact of the crime or specified delinquent act before sentencing or disposition;
- (E)—(F) The date, time, and place of the sentencing hearing or dispositional hearing;
- (G) That if the court orders restitution, the victim has the right to file a restitution lien.
 - (F) (H) One of the following:
- (1) Any sentence imposed upon the defendant and any subsequent modification of that sentence, including modification under section 2929.20 or 5120.036 of the Revised Code or as a result of the defendant's appeal of the sentence pursuant to section 2953.08 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Any disposition ordered for the defendant and any subsequent modification of that disposition, including judicial release or early release in accordance with section 2151.38 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2930.121. Notice of dismissed counts.(A) If a

criminal offense or delinquent act against a victim has been charged but the prosecution on the count or counts involving the victim has been or is being dismissed as the result of a plea agreement in which the defendant is pleading to or pled to other charges, the victim of the offenses involved in the dismissed counts, on request, may exercise all the applicable rights of a crime victim throughout the criminal justice process as though the count or counts involving the person had not been dismissed.

- (B) As to each count that is dismissed, the prosecutor shall notify the probation department if the victim requested the victim's rights pursuant to this section.
- (C) For each victim who is involved in the dismissed counts and who requested the victim's rights, the prosecutor, or prosecutor's designee, shall forward to the probation department available information that would enable the probation department to carry out its duties as prescribed by this section.

Sec 2930.122. Notice of Prosecutor's decision not to proceed with prosecution. In a criminal or delinquency matter, if a prosecutor declines to proceed with a prosecution after the final submission of a case by a law enforcement agency at the end of an investigation, the prosecutor shall, before the decision not to proceed is final, notify, directly or through the prosecutor's designee, the victim and provide the victim with the reasons for declining to proceed with the case. The notice shall inform the victim of his their right to request to confer

with the prosecutor before the decision not to proceed is final.

- Sec. 2930.13. (A) If the court orders the preparation of a victim impact statement pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 2152.19 or section 2947.051 of the Revised Code, the victim in the case and, pursuant to section 2930.14 of the Revised Code, any other harmed person may make a written or and oral statement regarding the impact of the crime or specified delinquent act to the person whom the court orders to prepare the victim impact statement. A statement made by the victim and other harmed person under this section shall be included in the victim impact statement.
- (B) If a probation officer or other person is preparing a presentence investigation report pursuant to section 2947.06 or 2951.03 of the Revised Code or Criminal Rule 32.2, or a disposition investigation report pursuant to section 2152.18 of the Revised Code, concerning the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case, the victim may make a written or and oral statement regarding the impact of the crime or specified delinquent act to the probation officer or other person. The probation officer or other person shall use the statement in preparing the presentence investigation report or disposition investigation report and, upon the victim's request, shall include a written statement submitted by the victim in the presentence investigation report or disposition investigation report.
 - (C) A statement made by the victim under division

- (A) or (B) of this section may include the following:
- (1) An explanation of the nature and extent of any physical, psychological, or emotional harm suffered by the victim as a result of the crime or specified delinquent act that is the basis of the case;
- (2) An explanation of the extent of any property damage or other economic loss suffered by the victim as a result of that crime or specified delinquent act;
- (3) An opinion regarding the extent to which, if any, the victim needs restitution for harm caused by the defendant or alleged juvenile offender as a result of that crime or specified delinquent act and information about whether the victim has applied for or received any compensation for loss or damage caused by that crime or specified delinquent act;
- (4) The victim's recommendation for an appropriate sanction or disposition for the defendant or alleged juvenile offender regarding that crime or specified delinquent act.
- (D) A statement made by any other harmed person under division (A) of this section may include the following:
- (1) An explanation of the nature and extent of any physical, psychological, or emotional harm suffered by the other harmed person as a result of the crime or specified delinquent act that is the basis of the case;
- (2) An explanation of the extent of any property damage or other economic or financial loss suffered by

the other harmed person as a result of that crime or specified delinquent act.

- (E) (D) If a statement made by a victim or other harmed person under division (A) of this section is included in a victim impact statement, the provision, receipt, and retention of copies of, the use of, and the confidentiality, nonpublic record character, and sealing of the victim impact statement is governed by division $\frac{(B)(2)}{(D)(3)}$ of section $\frac{2152.20}{(D)(21.20)}$ 2152.19 or by division (C) of section 2947.051 of the Revised Code, as appropriate. If a statement made by a victim under division (B) of this section is included in a presentence investigation report prepared pursuant to section 2947.06 or 2951.03 of the Revised Code or Criminal Rule 32.2 or in a disposition investigation report pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 2152.18 of the Revised Code, the provision, receipt, and retention of copies of, the use of, and the confidentiality, nonpublic record character, and sealing of the presentence investigation report or disposition investigation report that contains the victim's statement is governed by section 2951.03 of the Revised Code.
- Sec. 2930.131 (A) If the presentence report is available to the defendant, the court shall permit the victim to inspect the presentence report, except those parts excised by the court or made confidential by law.
- (B) If the court excises any portion of the presentence report, it shall inform the parties and the

victim of its decision and shall state on the record its reasons for the excision.

(C) On request of the victim, the prosecutor's office shall provide to the victim a copy of the presentence report.

Sec. 2930.14. (A) Before imposing sentence upon, or entering an order of disposition for, a defendant or alleged juvenile offender for the commission of a crime or specified delinquent act, the court shall permit the victim of the crime or specified delinquent act, and at the request of the prosecutor, may permit any other harmed person, to be heard orally and/or in writing submit a written statement prior to or at the sentencing or disposition and make a an oral statement during the sentencing or disposition proceeding. The court may give copies of any written statement made by a victim or other harmed person to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender and defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's counsel and may give any written statement made by the defendant or alleged juvenile offender to the victim, the other harmed person, and the prosecutor. The court may redact any information contained in a written statement that the court determines is not relevant to and will not be relied upon in the sentencing or disposition decision. The victim's oral statement is not subject to crossexamination.

The written statement of the victim, the other harmed person, or of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender is confidential and is not a public record as used in section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Any person to whom a

copy of a written statement was released by the court shall return it to the court immediately following sentencing or disposition.

(B) The court shall consider a victim's statement made by a victim or other harmed person under division (A) of this section along with other factors that the court is required to consider in imposing sentence or in determining the order of disposition. If the statement includes new material facts, the court shall not rely on the new material facts unless it continues the sentencing or dispositional proceeding or takes other appropriate action to allow the defendant or alleged juvenile offender an adequate opportunity to respond to the new material facts.

Sec. 2930.15 Notice of appeal.

- (A) If a defendant is convicted of committing a crime against a victim or an alleged juvenile offender is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a specified delinquent act against a victim, if the victim requests notice of the filing of an appeal, and if the defendant or alleged juvenile offender files an appeal, the prosecutor in the case promptly, but in no case later than seven days after the filing of the appeal, shall notify the victim of the appeal. The prosecutor also shall give the victim all of the following information:
- (1) A brief explanation of the appellate process, including the possible disposition of the case;
- (2) Whether the defendant or alleged juvenile offender has been released on bail or other recognizance or under conditions imposed by the juvenile court pending

the disposition of the appeal;

- (3) The time, place, and location of appellate court proceedings and any subsequent changes in the time, place, or location of those proceedings;
 - (4) The result of the appeal.
- (B) If the appellate court returns the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's case to the trial court or juvenile court for further proceedings, the victim may exercise all the rights that previously were available to the victim in the trial court or the juvenile court.

Sec. 2930.16 Notice of incarceration and release date.

(A) If a defendant is incarcerated, a victim in a case who has requested to receive notice under this section shall be given notice of the incarceration of the defendant. If an alleged juvenile offender is committed to the temporary custody of a school, camp, institution, or other facility operated for the care of delinquent children or to the legal custody of the department of youth services, a victim in a case who has requested to receive notice under this section shall be given notice of the commitment. Promptly, but in no case later than seven days after sentence is imposed, after sentence is imposed upon the defendant or the commitment of the alleged juvenile offender is ordered, the prosecutor in the case shall notify the victim of the date on which the defendant will be released from confinement or the prosecutor's reasonable estimate of that date or the date on which the alleged juvenile offender will have served the minimum period of commitment or the prosecutor's

reasonable estimate of that date. The prosecutor also shall notify the victim of the name of the custodial agency of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender and tell the victim how to contact that custodial agency. If the custodial agency is the department of rehabilitation and correction, the prosecutor shall notify the victim of the services offered by the office of victims' services pursuant to section 5120.60 of the Revised Code. If the custodial agency is the department of youth services, the prosecutor shall notify the victim of the services provided by the office of victims' services within the release authority of the department pursuant to section 5139.55 of the Revised Code and the victim's right pursuant to section 5139.56 of the Revised Code to submit a written request to the release authority to be notified of actions the release authority takes with respect to the alleged juvenile offender. The victim shall keep the custodial agency informed of the victim's current address and telephone number.

(B) (1) Upon the victim's request or in accordance with division (D) of this section, the prosecutor promptly, but in no case later than seven days after the hearing is scheduled, shall notify the victim of any hearing for judicial release of the defendant pursuant to section 2929.20 of the Revised Code, of any hearing for release of the defendant pursuant to section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, or of any hearing for judicial release or early release of the alleged juvenile offender pursuant to section 2151.38 of the Revised Code and of the victim's right to make a statement under those

sections. The court shall notify the victim of its ruling in each of those hearings and on each of those applications.

- (2) If an offender is sentenced to a prison term pursuant to division (A)(3) or (B) of section 2971.03 of the Revised Code, upon the request of the victim of the crime or in accordance with division (D) of this section, the prosecutor promptly shall notify the victim of any hearing to be conducted pursuant to section 2971.05 of the Revised Code to determine whether to modify the requirement that the offender serve the entire prison term in a state correctional facility in accordance with division (C) of that section, whether to continue, revise, or revoke any existing modification of that requirement, or whether to terminate the prison term in accordance with division (D) of that section. The court shall notify the victim of any order issued at the conclusion of the hearing.
- (C) Upon the victim's request made at any time before the particular notice would be due or in accordance with division (D) of this section, the custodial agency of a defendant or alleged juvenile offender shall give the victim any of the following notices that is applicable:
- (1) At least sixty days before the adult parole authority recommends a pardon or commutation of sentence for the defendant or at least sixty days prior to a hearing before the adult parole authority regarding a grant of parole to the defendant, notice of the victim's right to submit a statement regarding the impact of the

defendant's release in accordance with section 2967.12 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, of the victim's right to appear at a full board hearing of the parole board to give testimony as authorized by section 5149.101 of the Revised Code;

- (2) At least sixty days before the defendant is transferred to transitional control under section 2967.26 of the Revised Code, notice of the pendency of the transfer and of the victim's right under that section to submit a statement regarding the impact of the transfer;
- (3) At least sixty days before the release authority of the department of youth services holds a release review, release hearing, or discharge review for the alleged juvenile offender, notice of the pendency of the review or hearing, of the victim's right to make an oral or written statement regarding the impact of the crime upon the victim or regarding the possible release or discharge, and, if the notice pertains to a hearing, of the victim's right to attend and make statements or comments at the hearing as authorized by section 5139.56 of the Revised Code;
- after the escape, notice of the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's escape from a facility of the custodial agency in which the defendant was incarcerated or in which the alleged juvenile offender was placed after commitment, of the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's absence without leave from a mental health or developmental disabilities facility or from other custody, and of the capture of the defendant or alleged

juvenile offender after an escape or absence;

- (5) Notice of the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's death while in confinement or custody within 30 days of the death;
- (6) Notice of the filing of a petition by the director of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 2967.19 of the Revised Code requesting the early release under that section of the defendant within 30 days of the filing of the petition;
- (7) Notice of the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's release from confinement or custody, <u>including</u> jail or local custody, and the terms and conditions of the release <u>at least 7 days prior to the release</u>.
- (D)(1) If a defendant is incarcerated for the commission of aggravated murder, murder, or an offense of violence that is a felony of the first, second, or third degree or is under a sentence of life imprisonment or if an alleged juvenile offender has been charged with the commission of an act that would be aggravated murder, murder, or an offense of violence that is a felony of the first, second, or third degree or be subject to a sentence of life imprisonment if committed by an adult, except as otherwise provided in this division, the notices described in divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall be given regardless of whether the victim has requested the notification. The notices described in divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall not be given under this division to a victim if the victim has requested pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that the victim not be provided the

notice. Regardless of whether the victim has requested that the notices described in division (C) of this section be provided or not be provided, the custodial agency shall give notice similar to those notices to the prosecutor in the case, to the sentencing court, to the law enforcement agency that arrested the defendant or alleged juvenile offender if any officer of that agency was a victim of the offense, and to any member of the victim's immediate family who requests notification. If the notice given under this division to the victim is based on an offense committed prior to March 22, 2013, and if the prosecutor or custodial agency has not previously successfully provided any notice to the victim under this division or division (B) or (C) of this section with respect to that offense and the offender who committed it, the notice also shall inform the victim that the victim may request that the victim not be provided any further notices with respect to that offense and the offender who committed it and shall describe the procedure for making that request. If the notice given under this division to the victim pertains to a hearing regarding a grant of a parole to the defendant, the notice also shall inform the victim that the victim, a member of the victim's immediate family, or the victim's representative may request a victim conference, as described in division (E) of this section, and shall provide an explanation of a victim conference.

The prosecutor or custodial agency may give the notices to which this division applies by any reasonable means, including regular mail, telephone, and electronic

mail. If the prosecutor or custodial agency attempts to provide notice to a victim under this division but the attempt is unsuccessful because the prosecutor or custodial agency is unable to locate the victim, is unable to provide the notice by its chosen method because it cannot determine the mailing address, telephone number, or electronic mail address at which to provide the notice, or, if the notice is sent by mail, the notice is returned, the prosecutor or custodial agency shall make another attempt to provide the notice to the victim. If the second attempt is unsuccessful, the prosecutor or custodial agency shall make at least one more attempt to provide the notice. If the notice is based on an offense committed prior to March 22, 2013, in each attempt to provide the notice to the victim, the notice shall include the opt-out information described in the preceding paragraph. The prosecutor or custodial agency, in accordance with division (D)(2) of this section, shall keep a record of all attempts to provide the notice, and of all notices provided, under this division.

Division (D)(1) of this section, and the notice-related provisions of divisions (E)(2) and (K) of section 2929.20, division (H) of section 2967.12, division (E)(1)(b) of section 2967.19, division (A)(3)(b) of section 2967.26, division (D)(1) of section 2967.28, and division (A)(2) of section 5149.101 of the Revised Code enacted in the act in which division (D)(1) of this section was enacted, shall be known as "Roberta's Law."

(2) Each prosecutor and custodial agency that attempts to give any notice to which division (D)(1) of

this section applies shall keep a record of all attempts to give the notice. The record shall indicate the person who was to be the recipient of the notice, the date on which the attempt was made, the manner in which the attempt was made, and the person who made the attempt. If the attempt is successful and the notice is given, the record shall indicate that fact. The record shall be kept in a manner that allows public inspection of attempts and notices given to persons other than victims without revealing the names, addresses, or other identifying information relating to victims. The record of attempts and notices given to victims is not a public record, but the prosecutor or custodial agency shall provide upon request a copy of that record to a prosecuting attorney, judge, law enforcement agency, or member of the general assembly. The record of attempts and notices given to persons other than victims is a public record. A record kept under this division may be indexed by offender name, or in any other manner determined by the prosecutor or the custodial agency. Each prosecutor or custodial agency that is required to keep a record under this division shall determine the procedures for keeping the record and the manner in which it is to be kept, subject to the requirements of this division.

(E) The adult parole authority shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code providing for a victim conference, upon request of the victim, a member of the victim's immediate family, or the victim's representative, prior to a parole hearing in the case of a prisoner who is incarcerated for the commission of

aggravated murder, murder, or an offense of violence that is a felony of the first, second, or third degree or is under a sentence of life imprisonment. The rules shall provide for, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Subject to division (E)(3) of this section, attendance by the victim, members of the victim's immediate family, the victim's representative, and, if practicable, other individuals;
 - (2) Allotment of up to one hour for the conference;
- (3) A specification of the number of persons specified in division (E)(1) of this section who may be present at any single victim conference, if limited by the department pursuant to division (F) of this section.
- (F) The department may limit the number of persons specified in division (E)(1) of this section who may be present at any single victim conference, provided that the department shall not limit the number of persons who may be present at any single conference to fewer than three. If the department limits the number of persons who may be present at any single victim conference, the department shall permit and schedule, upon request of the victim, a member of the victim's immediate family, or the victim's representative, multiple victim conferences for the persons specified in division (E)(1) of this section.
- (G) As used in this section, "victim's immediate family" has the same meaning as in section 2967.12 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2930.161. Right to request not to receive inmate mail.

(A) Within seven days after a defendant is sentenced

to the state department of corrections, the prosecutor's office, or prosecutor's designee, shall provide written notice to the victim of the right of the victim, any member of the victim's family or any member of the victim's household, to request not to receive mail from the inmate who was convicted of committing a criminal offense against the victim. The notice shall:

- (1) Inform the victim of the right of the victim, or any member of the victim's family or household, to request not to receive mail from the inmate.
- (2) Instruct the victim how to file the request form the state department of corrections.
- (3) Include the following statement: "If the defendant is incarcerated in the state department of corrections, you have the right to request that the defendant not send you, members of your family or members of the victim's household mail. If the defendant sends you or your family or household members mail after you have made this request, you or the members of your family or household have the right to report the incident to the state department of corrections for sanctions against the defendant."
- (B) On receipt of a post-conviction notice request in which a request not to receive inmate mail is indicated, the state department of corrections shall notify the inmate of the request and that sending mail to the victim, or the family or household members who are denoted by the victim, will result in appropriate sanctions, including reduction or denial of earned release credits and review

- (C) The department shall not knowingly forward mail addressed to any person who requests not to receive mail, pursuant to this section, is not to receive mail.
- Sec. 2930.162. (A) On request of a victim who has provided an address or other contact information, the court shall notify the victim of any of the following:
- (1) A probation revocation disposition proceeding or any proceeding in which the court is asked to terminate the probation or intensive probation of a person who is convicted of committing a criminal offense against the victim.
- (2) Any hearing on a proposed modification of the terms of probation or intensive probation.
- (3) The arrest of a person who is on supervised probation and who is arrested pursuant to a warrant issued for a probation violation.
- (B) On request of a victim who has provided a current address or other current contact information, the probation department shall notify the victim of the following:
- (1) Any proposed modification to any term of probation if the modification affects restitution or incarceration status or the defendant's contact with or the safety of the victim.
- (2) The victim's right to be heard at a hearing that is set to consider any modification to be made to any term of probation.
- (3) Any violation of any term of probation that results in the filing with the court of a petition to revoke probation.

- (4) That a petition to revoke probation alleging that the defendant absconded from probation has been filed with the court.
- (5) Any conduct by the defendant that raises a substantial concern for the victim's safety.
- Sec. 2930.163. Notification by the governor. Prior to the governor granting a reprieve, pardon, or commutation to an offender convicted of a violent crime, the governor shall notify a victim that the victim's offender has applied for a reprieve, pardon, or commutation. The governor shall notify a victim regarding the application not less than thirty days prior to issuing a decision on the application. The governor shall inform the victim that the victim may submit a written opinion concerning the application.
 - Sec. 2930.17. (A) In determining whether to grant a judicial release to a defendant from a prison term pursuant to section 2929.20 of the Revised Code at a time before the defendant's stated prison term expires, in determining whether to grant a release to an offender from a prison term pursuant to section 2967.19 of the Revised Code at a time before the offender's stated prison term expires, or in determining whether to grant a judicial release or early release to an alleged juvenile offender from a commitment to the department of youth services pursuant to section 2151.38 of the Revised Code, the court shall permit a victim of a crime or specified delinquent act for which the defendant or alleged juvenile offender was incarcerated or committed to be heard orally or in writing make a statement, in addition

to any other statement made under this chapter, concerning the effects of that crime or specified delinquent act on the victim, the circumstances surrounding the crime or specified delinquent act, the manner in which the crime or specified delinquent act was perpetrated, and the victim's opinion whether the defendant or alleged juvenile offender should be released. The victim may be heard make the statement in writing—or—, orally, or both at the court's—victim's discretion. The court shall give the defendant or alleged juvenile offender and either the adult parole authority or the department of youth services, whichever is applicable, a copy of any written impact statement made by the victim under this division.

- (B) In deciding whether to grant a judicial release or early release to the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, the court shall consider a statement made by the victim under division (A) of this section or section 2930.14 or 2947.051 of the Revised Code or by any other harmed person under section 2940.14 of the Revised Code.
- (C) Upon making a determination whether to grant a judicial release to a defendant from a prison term pursuant to section 2929.20 of the Revised Code, a release to an offender from a prison term pursuant to section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, or a judicial release or early release to an alleged juvenile offender from a commitment to the department of youth services pursuant to section 2151.38 of the Revised Code, the court promptly shall send notice of its determination to the prosecutor of the county in which the criminal or

delinquency proceeding was held against the defendant or alleged juvenile offender. Before ordering a defendant or alleged juvenile offender released from custody, the court shall send the custodial agency a copy of its journal entry of the determination.

Sec. 2930.171. (A) In determining whether to grant an application to seal a record of conviction pursuant to section 2953.32 of the Revised Code or an application to seal or expunge a juvenile record pursuant to section 2151.356 or 2151.358 of the Revised Code, the court shall notify the prosecutor regarding the hearing of the matter not less than sixty days before the hearing. The prosecutor, or prosecutor's designee, shall provide timely notice to a victim of the crime or specified delinquent act for which the offender or juvenile was incarcerated or committed if the victim has requested notice and maintains current contact information with the prosecutor. The court shall permit a victim of a crime or specified delinquent act for which the offender or juvenile was incarcerated or committed to make a statement, in addition to any other statement made under this chapter, concerning the effects of the crime or delinquent act on the victim, the circumstances surrounding the crime or delinquent act, the manner in which the crime or delinquent act was perpetrated, and the victim's opinion whether the record should be sealed or expunded. The victim may be heard in make the statement in writing, orally, or both at the victim's discretion. The court shall give the offender or juvenile and either the adult parole authority or the department

of youth services, whichever is applicable, a copy of any written impact statement made by the victim under this division.

- (B) In deciding whether to seal or expunge a record under this section, the court shall consider a statement made by the victim under division (A) of this section or section 2930.14 or 2947.051 of the Revised Code or by any other harmed person under section 2930.14 of the Revised Code.
- (C) Upon making a determination whether to grant an application to seal a record of conviction pursuant to section 2953.32 of the Revised Code or an application to seal or expunge a juvenile record pursuant to section 2151.356 or 2151.358 of the Revised Code, the court promptly shall notify the prosecutor of the determination. The prosecutor shall promptly notify the victim after receiving notice from the court.
- Sec. 2930.18. No employer of a victim shall discharge, discipline, or otherwise retaliate against the victim, a member of the victim's family, or a victim's representative for any of the following:
- $\underline{\text{(A)}}$ participating, at the prosecutor's request, in preparation for a criminal or delinquency proceeding; or $\underline{\text{for}}$
- (B) attendance, pursuant to a subpoena, at a criminal or delinquency proceeding if the attendance is reasonably necessary to protect the interests of the victim;
 - (C) attendance, pursuant to a victim's discretion, at

a criminal or delinquency proceeding if the attendance is necessary to protect the rights or other interests of the victim.

This section generally does not require an employer to pay an employee for time lost as a result of attendance at a criminal or delinquency proceeding. Victims have the right to participate in the criminal or delinquency process without loss of pay, other employee benefits, and without interference in any form by their employer. An employer who knowingly violates this section is in contempt of court. This section does not limit or affect the application to any person of section 2151.211, 2939.121, or 2945.451 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2930.19. (A) (1) In a manner consistent with the duty of -a prosecutor to represent the interests of the public as a whole, a prosecutor shall seek compliance with this chapter on behalf of a victim, a member of the victim's family, or the victim's representative A victim of a crime or specified delinquent act, an victim's attorney, or a victim's representative of the victim, or the prosecutor, upon the request of the victim, has standing as a matter of right to assert, or to challenge an order denying, the rights of the victim provided by the law of this state in any proceeding in any judicial or administrative proceeding. tribunal having jurisdiction. The tribunal court shall act promptly on a request to enforce, or on a challenge of an order denying, the rights of the victim. In any case, the tribunal—court shall hear the matter within ten days. The

reasons for any decision denying relief under this chapter shall be clearly stated on the record.

- (2) If the tribunal court denies the relief sought, the movant may appeal or petition the court of appeals or the Ohio Supreme Court for an extraordinary writ. The court of appeals or the Ohio Supreme Court may issue the writ on the order of a single judge. The court of appeals shall take up and decide such application forthwith within 72 hours after the petition has been filed, unless the litigants, with the approval of the court, have stipulated to a different time period for consideration. In deciding such application, the court of appeals or the Ohio Supreme Court shall apply ordinary standards of appellate review. In no event shall proceedings be stayed or subject to a continuance of more than five days for purposes of enforcing this section. If the court of appeals or the Ohio Supreme Court denies the relief sought, the reasons for the denial shall be clearly stated on the record in a written opinion.
- has the right to be represented by retained counsel. at the victim's expense. Nothing in this statute creates a right to counsel at public expense for a victim. If a victim is represented by counsel who has filed a notice of appearance in the case, the court shall notify the victim's counsel in the same manner in which the parties are notified under applicable law or rule. Upon the filing of a notice of appearance in the case and if present, Counsel for the victim shall be included in all bench conferences, in chamber meetings and sessions, and

sidebars with the trial court that directly involve a victim's rights.

- (C) The failure of a public official or public agency to comply with the requirements of this chapter does not give rise to a claim for damages against that public official or public agency, except that a public agency as an employer may be held responsible for a violation of section 2930.18 of the Revised Code.
- (C) (D) (1) The failure to use reasonable efforts to perform a duty or provide a right is not cause to seek to set aside a conviction after trial. Failure to afford a right under this chapter shall not provide grounds for a new trial. A victim who was given notice of a plea or sentencing proceeding may make a motion to reopen a plea or sentence only if the victim was not voluntarily absent from the proceeding and has asserted the right to be heard before or during the proceeding at issue and the right to be heard was denied and, in the case of a plea, the accused has not pled to the highest offense charged. This subsection does not affect the victim's right to restitution, which the victim may seek to enforce at any time.
- (D) (2) Unless the offender is discharged from the offender's sentence, the failure to use reasonable efforts to provide notice and a right to be present or be heard pursuant to this chapter at a proceeding that involves a post-conviction release is a ground for the victim to seek to set aside the post-conviction release until the victim is afforded the opportunity to be

- (E) A defendant or juvenile offender may not raise the failure of any person or entity to provide a right, privilege, or notice to a victim as error in any legal argument to provide an advantage to that defendant or juvenile offender in any motion, including, but not limited to, a dispositive motion, motion for new trial, or motion to have a conviction, sentence, or disposition set aside, in any petition for post conviction relief, or in any assignment of error on appeal.
- (F) If there is a conflict between a provision in this chapter and a specific statute governing the procedure in a case involving a capital offense, the specific statute supersedes the provision in this chapter.
- (G) If the victim of a crime is incarcerated in a state or local correctional facility or is in the legal custody of the department of youth services, the victim's rights under this chapter may be modified by court order to prevent any security risk, hardship, or undue burden upon a public official or public agency with a duty under this chapter.
- Sec. 2930.191. Once a victim's attorney appears in any way in a case, the attorney is to receive copies of all notices, motions and court orders filed thereafter in the case.

Sec. 2937.11 Conduct of preliminary hearing.

(A)(1) As used in divisions (B) and (C) of this

section, "victim" includes any person who was a victim of a felony violation identified in division (B) of this section or a felony offense of violence or against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or that is an element of, a felony violation identified in division (B) of this section or a felony offense of violence.

- (2) As used in division (D) of this section, "victim" means any person who is less than sixteen years of age and who was a victim of a violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code or against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or is an element of, a violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code.
- (3) At the preliminary hearing set pursuant to section 2937.10 of the Revised Code and the Criminal Rules, the prosecutor may state, but is not required to state, orally the case for the state and shall then proceed to examine witnesses and introduce exhibits for the state. The accused and the magistrate have full right of cross examination, and the accused has the right of inspection of exhibits prior to their introduction. The hearing shall be conducted under the rules of evidence prevailing in criminal trials generally. On motion of either the state or the accused, witnesses shall be separated and not permitted in the hearing room except when called to testify.
- (B) In a case involving an alleged felony violation of section 2905.05, 2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.21, 2907.24, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, or 2919.22 of the Revised Code or an alleged felony offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the alleged violation or offense was less than

thirteen sixteen years of age when the complaint or information was filed, whichever occurred earlier, upon motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney, the testimony of the child victim at the preliminary hearing may be taken in a room other than the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted and be televised, by closed circuit equipment, into the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted, in accordance with division (C) of section 2945.481 of the Revised Code.

- (C) In a case involving an alleged felony violation listed in division (B) of this section or an alleged felony offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the alleged violation or offense was less than thirteen sixteen years of age when the complaint or information was filed, whichever occurred earlier, the court, on written motion of the prosecutor in the case or the victim's attorney filed at least three days prior to the hearing, shall order that all testimony of the child victim be recorded and preserved on videotape, in addition to being recorded for purposes of the transcript of the proceeding. If such an order is issued, it shall specifically identify the child victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), concerning whose testimony it pertains, apply only during the testimony of the child victim it specifically identifies, and apply to all testimony of the child victim presented at the hearing, regardless of whether the child victim is called as a witness by the prosecution or by the defense.
- (D)(1)(a) In a case involving an alleged violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code, upon motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney, the testimony of the

victim at the preliminary hearing may be taken in a place or room other than the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted and be televised, by closed circuit equipment, into the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted, to be viewed by the accused and any other persons who are not permitted in the room in which the testimony is to be taken but who would have been present during the testimony of the victim had it been given in the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the preliminary hearing.

- (b) Upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney filed under division (D)(1)(a) of this section and if the judge or magistrate determines that the victim is unavailable to testify in the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted in the physical presence of the accused for one or more of the reasons set forth in division (D)(2) of this section, the judge or magistrate may issue an order for the testimony of the victim to be taken in a place or room other than the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted and televised, by closed circuit equipment, into the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted. If a judge or magistrate issues an order of that nature, the judge or magistrate shall exclude from the room in which the testimony of the victim is to be taken every person except the following:
 - (i) The victim giving the testimony;
 - (ii) The judge or magistrate;

- (iii) One or more interpreters if needed;
- (iv) The attorneys for the prosecution, the victim, and the defense;
- (v) Any person needed to operate the equipment to be used;
- (vi) One person chosen by the victim giving the testimony;
- (vii) Any person whose presence the judge or magistrate determines would contribute to the welfare and well-being of the victim giving the testimony.
- (c) The person chosen by the victim under division (D)(1)(b)(vi) of this section shall not be a witness in the preliminary hearing and, both before and during the testimony, shall not discuss the testimony of the victim with any other witness in the preliminary hearing.
- (d) The judge or magistrate, at the judge's or magistrate's discretion, may preside during the giving of the testimony by electronic means from outside the room in which it is being given, subject to the limitations set forth in this division. If the judge or magistrate presides by electronic means, the judge or magistrate shall be provided with monitors on which the judge or magistrate can see each person in the room in which the testimony is to be taken and with an electronic means of communication with each person, and each person in the room shall be provided with a monitor on which that person can see the judge or magistrate and with an electronic means of communication with the judge or magistrate. To the extent feasible, any person operating the televising equipment shall be restricted to a room adjacent to the room in which the testimony is being taken, or to a

location in the room in which the testimony is being taken that is behind a screen or mirror, so that the person operating the televising equipment can see and hear, but cannot be seen or heard by, the victim giving the testimony during the testimony. The accused shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the attorney of the accused during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the accused cannot be seen or heard by the victim giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The accused and the judge or magistrate have full right of cross examination, and the accused has the right of inspection of exhibits prior to their introduction. The victim giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim can observe the accused during the testimony.

- (2) For purposes of division (D)(1) of this section, a judge or magistrate may order the testimony of a victim to be taken at a place or room outside the room in which the preliminary hearing is being conducted if the judge or magistrate determines that the victim is unavailable to testify in the room in the physical presence of the accused due to one or more of the following:
- (a) The inability of the victim to communicate about the alleged offense because of extreme fear, severe trauma, or another similar reason;
- (b) The substantial likelihood that the victim will suffer serious emotional trauma from so testifying;
- (c) The victim is at a hospital for care and treatment for any physical, mental, or emotional injury

suffered by reason of the alleged offense.

Sec. 2945.481 Testimony of child victim. (A) (1) As used in this section, "victim" includes any person who was a victim of a violation identified in division (A) (2) of this section or an offense of violence or against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or that is an element of, a violation identified in division (A) (2) of this section or an offense of violence.

(2) In any proceeding in the prosecution of a charge of a violation of section 2905.03, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, or 2919.22 of the Revised Code or an offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a child who was less than thirteen sixteen years of age when the complaint, indictment, or information was filed, whichever occurred earlier, the judge of the court in which the prosecution is being conducted, upon motion of an attorney for the prosecution or the victim's attorney, shall order that the testimony of the child victim be taken by deposition. The prosecution or the victim's attorney also may request that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section. The judge shall notify the child victim whose deposition is to be taken, the prosecution, the victim's attorney, and the defense of the date, time, and place for taking the deposition. The notice shall identify the child victim who is to be examined and shall indicate whether a request that the deposition be videotaped has been made. The defendant shall have the right to attend the deposition and the right to be

represented by counsel. Depositions shall be taken in the manner provided in civil cases, except that the judge shall preside at the taking of the deposition and shall rule at that time on any objections of the prosecution or the attorney for the defense. The prosecution and the attorney for the defense shall have the right, as at trial, to full examination and cross-examination of the child victim whose deposition is to be taken. If a deposition taken under this division is intended to be offered as evidence in the proceeding, it shall be filed in the court in which the action is pending and is admissible in the manner described in division (B) of this section. If a deposition of a child victim taken under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding under division (B) of this section, the child victim shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. However, at any time before the conclusion of the proceeding, the attorney for the defense may file a motion with the judge requesting that another deposition of the child victim be taken because new evidence material to the defense has been discovered that the attorney for the defense could not with reasonable diligence have discovered prior to the taking of the admitted deposition. A motion for another deposition shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits. Upon the filing of a motion for another deposition and affidavits, the court may order that additional testimony of the child victim relative to the new evidence be taken by another deposition. If the court orders the taking of another deposition under this provision, the deposition shall be taken in accordance with this division; if the admitted deposition was a

videotaped deposition taken in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section, the new deposition also shall be videotaped in accordance with that division and in other cases, the new deposition may be videotaped in accordance with that division.

(3) If the prosecution or the victim's attorney requests that a deposition to be taken under division (A) (2) of this section be videotaped, the judge shall order that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with this division. If a judge issues an order that the deposition be videotaped, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the deposition is to be taken every person except the child victim giving the testimony, the judge, one or more interpreters if needed, the attorneys for the prosecution and the defense, any person needed to operate the equipment to be used, one person chosen by the child victim giving the deposition, and any person whose presence the judge determines would contribute to the welfare and well-being of the child victim giving the deposition. The person chosen by the child victim shall not be a witness in the proceeding and, both before and during the deposition, shall not discuss the testimony of the child victim with any other witness in the proceeding. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be restricted to a room adjacent to the room in which the deposition is being taken, or to a location in the room in which the deposition is being taken that is behind a screen or mirror, so that the person operating the recording equipment can see and hear, but cannot be seen or heard by, the child victim giving the deposition during the deposition. The defendant shall

be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the child victim giving the deposition on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the defendant's attorney during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the defendant cannot be seen or heard by the child victim giving the deposition, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The child victim giving the deposition shall be provided with a monitor on which the child victim can observe, during the testimony, the defendant. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside at the deposition by electronic means from outside the room in which the deposition is to be taken; if the judge presides by electronic means, the judge shall be provided with monitors on which the judge can see each person in the room in which the deposition is to be taken and with an electronic means of communication with each person, and each person in the room shall be provided with a monitor on which that person can see the judge and with an electronic means of communication with the judge. A deposition that is videotaped under this division shall be taken and filed in the manner described in division (A)(2) of this section and is admissible in the manner described in this division and division (B) of this section, and, if a deposition that is videotaped under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding, the child victim shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. No deposition videotaped under this division shall be admitted as evidence at any proceeding unless division (B) of this section is satisfied relative to the deposition and all of the following apply relative to the

recording:

- (a) The recording is both aural and visual and is recorded on film or videotape, or by other electronic means.
- (b) The recording is authenticated under the Rules of Evidence and the Rules of Criminal Procedure as a fair and accurate representation of what occurred, and the recording is not altered other than at the direction and under the supervision of the judge in the proceeding.
- (c) Each voice on the recording that is material to the testimony on the recording or the making of the recording, as determined by the judge, is identified.
- (d) Both the prosecution and the defendant are afforded an opportunity to view the recording before it is shown in the proceeding.
- (B) (1) At any proceeding in a prosecution in relation to which a deposition was taken under division (A) of this section, the deposition or a part of it is admissible in evidence upon motion of the prosecution if the testimony in the deposition or the part to be admitted is not excluded by the hearsay rule and if the deposition or the part to be admitted otherwise is admissible under the Rules of Evidence. For purposes of this division, testimony is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the testimony is not hearsay under Evidence Rule 801; if the testimony is within an exception to the hearsay rule set forth in Evidence Rule 803; if the child victim who gave the testimony is unavailable as a witness, as defined in Evidence Rule 804, and the testimony is admissible under that rule; or if both of the following apply:
 - (a) The defendant had an opportunity and similar

motive at the time of the taking of the deposition to develop the testimony by direct, cross, or redirect examination.

- (b) The judge determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that, if the child victim who gave the testimony in the deposition were to testify in person at the proceeding, the child victim would experience serious emotional trauma as a result of the child victim's participation at the proceeding.
- (2) Objections to receiving in evidence a deposition or a part of it under division (B) of this section shall be made as provided in civil actions.
- (3) The provisions of divisions (A) and (B) of this section are in addition to any other provisions of the Revised Code, the Rules of Criminal Procedure, or the Rules of Evidence that pertain to the taking or admission of depositions in a criminal proceeding and do not limit the admissibility under any of those other provisions of any deposition taken under division (A) of this section or otherwise taken.
- (C) In any proceeding in the prosecution of any charge of a violation listed in division (A)(2) of this section or an offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a child who was less than thirteen sixteen years of age when the complaint, indictment, or information was filed, whichever occurred earlier, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the child victim to be taken in a room other than the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be televised, by closed circuit equipment,

into the room in which the proceeding is being conducted to be viewed by the jury, if applicable, the defendant, and any other persons who are not permitted in the room in which the testimony is to be taken but who would have been present during the testimony of the child victim had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney filed under this section, if the judge determines that the child victim is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the defendant, for one or more of the reasons set forth in division (E) of this section. If a judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (A)(3) of this section. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside during the giving of the testimony by electronic means from outside the room in which it is being given, subject to the limitations set forth in division (A)(3) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the televising equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the child victim giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (A)(3) of this section. The defendant shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the child victim giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the

defendant's attorney during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the defendant cannot be seen or heard by the child victim giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The child victim giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the child victim can observe, during the testimony, the defendant.

(D) In any proceeding in the prosecution of any charge of a violation listed in division (A)(2) of this section or an offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a child who was less than thirteen sixteen years of age when the complaint, indictment, or information was filed, whichever occurred earlier, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the child victim to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be recorded for showing in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted before the judge, the jury, if applicable, the defendant, and any other persons who would have been present during the testimony of the child victim had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney filed under this division, if the judge determines that the child victim is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the defendant, for one or more of

the reasons set forth in division (E) of this section. If a judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (A)(3) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the child victim giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (A)(3) of this section. The defendant shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the child victim who is giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the defendant's attorney during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the defendant cannot be seen or heard by the child victim giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The child victim giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the child victim can observe, during the testimony, the defendant. No order for the taking of testimony by recording shall be issued under this division unless the provisions set forth in divisions (A)(3)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section apply to the recording of the testimony.

- (E) For purposes of divisions (C) and (D) of this section, a judge may order the testimony of a child victim to be taken outside the room in which the proceeding is being conducted if the judge determines that the child victim is unavailable to testify in the room in the physical presence of the defendant due to one or more of the following:
 - (1) The persistent refusal of the child victim to

testify despite judicial requests to do so;

- (2) The inability of the child victim to communicate about the alleged violation or offense because of extreme fear, failure of memory, or another similar reason;
- (3) The substantial likelihood that the child victim will suffer serious emotional trauma from so testifying.
- (F) (1) If a judge issues an order pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this section that requires the testimony of a child victim in a criminal proceeding to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted, the order shall specifically identify the child victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), to whose testimony it applies, the order applies only during the testimony of the specified child victim, and the child victim giving the testimony shall not be required to testify at the proceeding other than in accordance with the order.
- (2) A judge who makes any determination regarding the admissibility of a deposition under divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the videotaping of a deposition under division (A)(3) of this section, or the taking of testimony outside of the room in which a proceeding is being conducted under division (C) or (D) of this section, shall enter the determination and findings on the record in the proceeding.

Sec. 2945.482

- (A) As used in this section:
- (1) " Developmental disability" has the same meaning as in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) " Victim with a developmental disability" includes a person with a developmental disability who was

a victim of a violation identified in division (B)(1) of this section or an offense of violence or against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or that is an element of, a violation identified in division (B)(1) of this section or an offense of violence.

(B) (1) In any proceeding in the prosecution of a charge of a violation of section 2903.16, 2903.34, 2903.341, 2905.03, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, or 2907.323 of the Revised Code or an offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a person with a developmental disability, the judge of the court in which the prosecution is being conducted, upon motion of an attorney for the prosecution or the victim's attorney, shall order that the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability be taken by deposition. The prosecution or the victim's attorney also may request that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section. The judge shall notify the victim with a developmental disability whose deposition is to be taken, the prosecution, the victim's attorney, and the defense of the date, time, and place for taking the deposition. The notice shall identify the victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), with a developmental disability who is to be examined and shall indicate whether a request that the deposition be videotaped has been made. The defendant shall have the right to attend the deposition and the right to be represented by counsel. Depositions shall be taken in the manner provided in civil cases, except that the judge shall preside at the taking of the deposition and shall

rule at the time on any objections of the prosecution or the attorney for the defense. The prosecution and the attorney for the defense shall have the right, as at trial, to full examination and cross-examination of the victim with a developmental disability whose deposition is to be taken. If a deposition taken under this division is intended to be offered as evidence in the proceeding, it shall be filed in the court in which the action is pending and is admissible in the manner described in division (C) of this section.

If a deposition of a victim with a developmental disability taken under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding under division (C) of this section, the victim with a developmental disability shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. At any time before the conclusion of the proceeding, the attorney for the defense may file a motion with the judge requesting that another deposition of the victim with a developmental disability be taken because new evidence material to the defense has been discovered that the attorney for the defense could not with reasonable diligence have discovered prior to the taking of the admitted deposition. If the court orders the taking of another deposition under this provision, the deposition shall be taken in accordance with this division. If the admitted deposition was a videotaped deposition taken in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section, the new deposition shall be videotaped in accordance with that division. In other cases, the new deposition may be videotaped in accordance with that division.

(2) If the prosecution or the victim's attorney

requests that a deposition to be taken under division (B) (2) of this section be videotaped, the judge shall order that the deposition be videotaped in accordance with this division. If a judge issues an order that the deposition be videotaped, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the deposition is to be taken every person except the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, the judge, one or more interpreters if needed, the attorneys for the victim, the prosecution and the defense, any person needed to operate the equipment to be used, one person chosen by the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition, and any person whose presence the judge determines would contribute to the welfare and well-being of the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition. The person chosen by the victim with a developmental disability shall not be a witness in the proceeding and, both before and during the deposition, shall not discuss the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability with any other witness in the proceeding. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be restricted to a room adjacent to the room in which the deposition is being taken, or to a location in the room in which the deposition is being taken that is behind a screen or mirror, so that the person operating the recording equipment can see and hear, but cannot be seen or heard by, the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition during the deposition.

The defendant shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability

giving the deposition on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the defendant's attorney during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the defendant cannot be seen or heard by the victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The victim with a developmental disability giving the deposition shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim can observe, during the testimony, the defendant. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside at the deposition by electronic means from outside the room in which the deposition is to be taken. If the judge presides by electronic means, the judge shall be provided with monitors on which the judge can see each person in the room in which the deposition is to be taken and with an electronic means of communication with each person, and each person in the room shall be provided with a monitor on which that person can see the judge and with an electronic means of communication with the judge. A deposition that is videotaped under this division shall be taken and filed in the manner described in division (B)(1) of this section and is admissible in the manner described in this division and division (C) of this section, and, if a deposition that is videotaped under this division is admitted as evidence at the proceeding, the victim with a developmental disability shall not be required to testify in person at the proceeding. No deposition videotaped under this division shall be admitted as evidence at any proceeding unless division (C) of this section is satisfied relative to the deposition and all of the following apply relative to the

recording:

- (a) The recording is both aural and visual and is recorded on film or videotape, or by other electronic means.
- (b) The recording is authenticated under the Rules of Evidence and the Rules of Criminal Procedure as a fair and accurate representation of what occurred, and the recording is not altered other than at the direction and under the supervision of the judge in the proceeding.
- (c) Each voice on the recording that is material to the testimony on the recording or the making of the recording, as determined by the judge, is identified.
- (d) Both the prosecution and the defendant are afforded an opportunity to view the recording before it is shown in the proceeding.
- (C) (1) At any proceeding in a prosecution in relation to which a deposition was taken under division (B) of this section, the deposition or a part of it is admissible in evidence upon motion of the prosecution or the victim's attorney if the testimony in the deposition or the part to be admitted is not excluded by the hearsay rule and if the deposition or the part to be admitted otherwise is admissible under the Rules of Evidence. For purposes of this division, testimony is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the testimony is not hearsay under Evidence Rule 801; the testimony is within an exception to the hearsay rule set forth in Evidence Rule 803; the victim with a developmental disability who gave the testimony is unavailable as a witness, as defined in Evidence Rule 804, and the testimony is admissible under that rule; or both of the following apply:

- (a) The defendant had an opportunity and similar motive at the time of the taking of the deposition to develop the testimony by direct, cross, or redirect examination.
- (b) The judge determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that, if the victim with a developmental disability who gave the testimony in the deposition were to testify in person at the proceeding, the victim with a developmental disability would experience serious emotional trauma as a result of the participation of the victim with a developmental disability at the proceeding.
- (2) Objections to receiving in evidence a deposition or a part of it under division (C) of this section shall be made as provided in civil actions.
- (3) The provisions of divisions (B) and (C) of this section are in addition to any other provisions of the Revised Code, the Rules of Criminal Procedure, or the Rules of Evidence that pertain to the taking or admission of depositions in a criminal proceeding and do not limit the admissibility under any of those other provisions of any deposition taken under division (B) of this section or otherwise taken.
- (D) In any proceeding in the prosecution of any charge of a violation listed in division (B)(1) of this section or an offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a person with a developmental disability, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability to be taken in a room other than the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be

televised, by closed circuit equipment, into the room in which the proceeding is being conducted to be viewed by the jury, if applicable, the defendant, and any other persons who are not permitted in the room in which the testimony is to be taken but who would have been present during the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution filed under this section, if the judge determines that the victim with a developmental disability is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the defendant for one or more of the reasons set forth in division (F) of this section. If a judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (B)(2) of this section. The judge, at the judge's discretion, may preside during the giving of the testimony by electronic means from outside the room in which it is being given, subject to the limitations set forth in division (B)(2) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the televising equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (B)(2) of this section. The defendant shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim with a developmental

disability giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the defendant's attorney during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the defendant cannot be seen or heard by the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim with a developmental disability can observe, during the testimony, the defendant.

(E) In any proceeding in the prosecution of any charge of a violation listed in division (B)(1) of this section or an offense of violence and in which an alleged victim of the violation or offense was a victim with a developmental disability, the prosecution or the victim's attorney may file a motion with the judge requesting the judge to order the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted and be recorded for showing in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted before the judge, the jury, if applicable, the defendant, and any other persons who would have been present during the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability had it been given in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted. Except for good cause shown, the prosecution or the victim's attorney shall file a motion under this division at least seven days before the date of the proceeding. The judge may issue the order upon the motion of the prosecution filed under this division, if the judge determines that the

victim with a developmental disability is unavailable to testify in the room in which the proceeding is being conducted in the physical presence of the defendant, for one or more of the reasons set forth in division (F) of this section. If a judge issues an order of that nature, the judge shall exclude from the room in which the testimony is to be taken every person except a person described in division (B)(2) of this section. To the extent feasible, any person operating the recording equipment shall be hidden from the sight and hearing of the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, in a manner similar to that described in division (B)(2) of this section. The defendant shall be permitted to observe and hear the testimony of the victim with a developmental disability who is giving the testimony on a monitor, shall be provided with an electronic means of immediate communication with the defendant's attorney during the testimony, and shall be restricted to a location from which the defendant cannot be seen or heard by the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony, except on a monitor provided for that purpose. The victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony shall be provided with a monitor on which the victim can observe, during the testimony, the defendant. No order for the taking of testimony by recording shall be issued under this division unless the provisions set forth in divisions (B)(2)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section apply to the recording of the testimony.

(F) For purposes of divisions (D) and (E) of this section, a judge may order the testimony of a victim with

a developmental disability to be taken outside the room in which the proceeding is being conducted if the judge determines that the victim with a developmental disability is unavailable to testify in the room in the physical presence of the defendant due to one or more of the following:

- (1) The persistent refusal of the victim with a developmental disability to testify despite judicial requests to do so;
- (2) The inability of the victim with a developmental disability to communicate about the alleged violation or offense because of extreme fear, failure of memory, or another similar reason;
- (3) The substantial likelihood that the victim with a developmental disability will suffer serious emotional trauma from so testifying.
- (G) (1) If a judge issues an order pursuant to division (D) or (E) of this section that requires the testimony of a victim with a developmental disability in a criminal proceeding to be taken outside of the room in which the proceeding is being conducted, the order shall specifically identify the victim, in a manner consistent with 2930.07(E)(1), with a developmental disability to whose testimony it applies, the order applies only during the testimony of the specified victim with a developmental disability, and the victim with a developmental disability giving the testimony shall not be required to testify at the proceeding other than in accordance with the order.
- (2) A judge who makes any determination regardingthe admissibility of a deposition under divisions (B) and(C) of this section, the videotaping of a deposition under

division (B)(2) of this section, or the taking of testimony outside of the room in which a proceeding is being conducted under division (D) or (E) of this section shall enter the determination and findings on the record in the proceeding.

- Sec. 2945.483. Testimony by child. (A) As used in this section, "child" means any individual under the age of 18.
- (B) In any proceeding in which a child testifies in open court, a child shall have the following rights to be enforced sua sponte by the court or upon motion or notice of an attorney in the proceeding:
- (1) To be asked questions in a manner of a child of that age can reasonably understand, including, but not limited to, a child friendly oath;
- (2) To be free of nuisance, vexatious, or harassment tactics in the proceeding;
- (3) To have a support person of the child's choosing present in the courtroom and in a position clearly visible in close proximity to the child;
- (4) To have the courtroom or hearing room adjusted to ensure the comfort and protection of the child;
- (5) To have a relaxation of the formalities of the proceedings in an effort to ensure the comfort of the child;
- (6) To permit a properly trained facility animal or comfort item or both to be present inside the courtroom or

hearing room and to accompany the child throughout the hearing;

- (7) To permit the use of a properly constructed screen that would permit the judge and jury in the courtroom or hearing room to see the child but would obscure the child's view of the defendant or the public or both;
- (8) To have a secure and child friendly waiting area provided for the child during court proceedings and to have a support person of the child's choosing stay with the child while waiting;
- (9) To have an advocate or support person inform the court about the child's ability to understand the nature of the proceedings, special accommodations that may be needed for the child's testimony, and any other information relevant to any of the rights set forth in this section.
- (C) In circumstances where the accused in a proceeding has chosen to proceed without counsel, the court may appoint standby counsel for that party and may order standby counsel to question a child on behalf of the pro se party if the court finds that there is a substantial likelihood that emotional harm would come to the child if the pro se party were allowed to question the child directly.
- (D)(1) If the child is the victim of a crime, the court shall ensure that all steps necessary to secure the physical safety of the child, both in the courtroom and

during periods of time that the child may spend waiting for court, have been taken.

- (2) The court and all attorneys involved in a proceeding involving a child shall not disclose to any third party any discovery, including, but not limited to, the personal information of the child including the child's name, address and date of birth, any and all interviews of the child, and any other identifying information of a child. Upon written motion by a party, the court may authorize by written order the production of any discovery to a third party, if the third party agrees to maintain the security and nondisclosure of the discovery and return the discovery to the party upon conclusion of the case. The court shall enforce any violations of this section through its contempt powers.
- (a) This provision does not limit disclosure to the child's legal counsel or Guardian ad Litem, provided they agree to maintain the security and nondisclosure of the discovery.
 - Sec. 2947.051. (A) In all criminal cases in which a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony, if the offender, in committing the offense, caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or created a risk of physical harm to the victim of the offense, the court, prior to sentencing the offender, shall order the preparation of a victim impact statement by the department of probation of the county in which the victim of the offense resides, by the court's own regular probation officer, or by a victim assistance program that

is operated by the state, any county or municipal corporation, or any other governmental entity. The court, in accordance with sections 2929.13 and 2929.19 of the Revised Code, shall consider the victim impact statement in determining the sentence to be imposed upon the offender.

- (B) Each victim impact statement prepared under this section shall identify the victim of the offense, itemize any economic loss suffered by the victim as a result of the offense, identify any physical injury suffered by the victim as a result of the offense and the seriousness and permanence of the injury, identify any change in the victim's personal welfare or familial relationships as a result of the offense and any psychological impact experienced by the victim or the victim's family as a result of the offense, and contain any other information related to the impact of the offense upon the victim that the court requires. Each victim impact statement prepared under this section shall include any statement made by the victim and any other harmed person pursuant to section 2930.13 of the Revised Code.
- (C) A victim impact statement prepared under this section shall be kept confidential and is not a public record as defined in section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, the court may furnish copies of the statement to both the defendant or the defendant's counsel and the prosecuting attorney. Immediately following the imposition of sentence upon the defendant, the defendant, the defendant, the defendant return to the court the copies of the victim impact

statement that were made available to the defendant, the counsel, or the prosecuting attorney.

Sec. 2967.19. (A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Deadly weapon" and "dangerous ordnance" have the same meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Disqualifying prison term" means any of the following:
- (a) A prison term imposed for aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, or aggravated robbery;
- (b) A prison term imposed for complicity in, an attempt to commit, or conspiracy to commit any offense listed in division (A)(2)(a) of this section;
- (c) A prison term of life imprisonment, including any term of life imprisonment that has parole eligibility;
- (d) A prison term imposed for any felony other than carrying a concealed weapon an essential element of which is any conduct or failure to act expressly involving any deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance;
- (e) A prison term imposed for any violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code that is a felony of the first or second degree;
- (f) A prison term imposed for engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity in violation of section 2923.32 of

the Revised Code;

- (g) A prison term imposed pursuant to section 2971.03 of the Revised Code:
- (h) A prison term imposed for any sexually oriented offense
- (3) "Eligible prison term" means any prison term that is not a disqualifying prison term and is not a restricting prison term.
- (4) "Restricting prison term" means any of the following:
- (a) A mandatory prison term imposed under division (B)(1)(a), (B)(1)(c), (B)(1)(f), (B)(1)(g), (B)(2), or (B)(7) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a specification of the type described in that division;
- (b) In the case of an offender who has been sentenced to a mandatory prison term for a specification of the type described in division (A)(4)(a) of this section, the prison term imposed for the felony offense for which the specification was stated at the end of the body of the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense;
- (c) A prison term imposed for trafficking in persons;
- (d) A prison term imposed for any offense that is described in division (A)(4)(d)(i) of this section if division (A)(4)(d)(ii) of this section applies to the offender:
 - (i) The offense is a felony of the first or second

degree that is an offense of violence and that is not described in division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, an attempt to commit a felony of the first or second degree that is an offense of violence and that is not described in division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section if the attempt is a felony of the first or second degree, or an offense under an existing or former law of this state, another state, or the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to any other offense described in this division.

- (ii) The offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed in division (A) (2) or (A) (d) (i) of this section.
- (5) "Sexually oriented offense" has the same meaning as in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code.
- (B) The director of the department of rehabilitation and correction may recommend in writing to the sentencing court that the court consider releasing from prison any offender who, on or after September 30, 2011, is confined in a state correctional institution, who is serving a stated prison term of one year or more, and who is eligible under division (C) of this section for a release under this section. If the director wishes to recommend that the sentencing court consider releasing an offender under this section, the director shall notify the sentencing court in writing of the offender's eligibility not earlier than ninety days prior to the date on which the offender becomes eligible as described in division

- (C) of this section. The director's submission of the written notice constitutes a recommendation by the director that the court strongly consider release of the offender consistent with the purposes and principles of sentencing set forth in sections 2929.11 and 2929.13 of the Revised Code. Only an offender recommended by the director under division (B) of this section may be considered for early release under this section.
- (C) (1) An offender serving a stated prison term of one year or more and who has commenced service of that stated prison term becomes eligible for release from prison under this section only as described in this division. An offender serving a stated prison term that includes a disqualifying prison term is not eligible for release from prison under this section. An offender serving a stated prison term that consists solely of one or more restricting prison terms is not eligible for release under this section. An offender serving a stated prison term of one year or more that includes one or more restricting prison terms and one or more eligible prison terms becomes eligible for release under this section after having fully served all restricting prison terms and having served eighty per cent of the stated prison term that remains to be served after all restricting prison terms have been fully served. An offender serving a stated prison term that consists solely of one or more eligible prison terms becomes eligible for release under this section after having served eighty per cent of that stated prison term. For purposes of determining an offender's eligibility for

release under this section, if the offender's stated prison term includes consecutive prison terms, any restricting prison terms shall be deemed served prior to any eligible prison terms that run consecutively to the restricting prison terms, and the eligible prison terms are deemed to commence after all of the restricting prison terms have been fully served.

An offender serving a stated prison term of one year or more that includes a mandatory prison term that is not a disqualifying prison term and is not a restricting prison term is not automatically ineligible as a result of the offender's service of that mandatory term for release from prison under this section, and the offender's eligibility for release from prison under this section is determined in accordance with this division.

- (2) If an offender confined in a state correctional institution under a stated prison term is eligible for release under this section as described in division (C)(1) of this section, the director of the department of rehabilitation and correction may recommend in writing that the sentencing court consider releasing the offender from prison under this section by submitting to the sentencing court the written notice described in division (B) of this section.
- (D) The director shall include with any notice submitted to the sentencing court under division (B) of this section an institutional summary report that covers the offender's participation while confined in a state correctional institution in school, training, work,

treatment, and other rehabilitative activities and any disciplinary action taken against the offender while so confined. The director shall include with the notice any other documentation requested by the court, if available.

- (E) (1) When the director submits a written notice to a sentencing court that an offender is eligible to be considered for early release under this section, the department promptly shall provide to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offender was indicted a copy of the written notice, a copy of the institutional summary report, and any other information provided to the court and shall provide a copy of the institutional summary report to any law enforcement agency that requests the report. The department also promptly shall do whichever of the following is applicable:
- (a) Subject to division (E)(1)(b) of this section, give written notice of the submission to any victim of the offender or victim's representative of any victim of the offender who is registered with the office of victim's services.
- (b) If the offense was aggravated murder, murder, an offense of violence that is a felony of the first, second, or third degree, or an offense punished by a sentence of life imprisonment, except as otherwise provided in this division, notify the victim or the victim's representative of the filing of the petition regardless of whether the victim or victim's representative has registered with the office of victim's services. The notice of the filing of the petition shall

not be given under this division to a victim or victim's representative if the victim or victim's representative has requested pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that the victim or the victim's representative not be provided the notice. If notice is to be provided to a victim or victim's representative under this division, the department may give the notice by any reasonable means, including regular mail, telephone, and electronic mail, in accordance with division (D)

(1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. If the notice is based on an offense committed prior to the effective date of this amendment March 22, 2013, the notice also shall include the opt-out information described in division (D)(1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. The department, in accordance with division (D)(2) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code, shall keep a record of all attempts to provide the notice, and of all notices provided, under this division.

Division (E) (1) (b) of this section, and the notice-related provisions of divisions (E) (2) and (K) of section 2929.20, division (D) (1) of section 2930.16, division (H) of section 2967.12, division (A) (3) (b) of section 2967.26, division (D) (1) of section 2967.28, and division (A) (2) of section 5149.101 of the Revised Code enacted in the act in which division (E) (2) of this section was enacted, shall be known as "Roberta's Law."

(2) When the director submits a petition under this section, the department also promptly shall post a copy of the written notice on the database it maintains under

section 5120.66 of the Revised Code and include information on where a person may send comments regarding the recommendation of early release.

The information provided to the court, the prosecutor, and the victim or victim's representative under divisions (D) and

- (E) of this section shall include the name and contact information of a specific department of rehabilitation and correction employee who is available to answer questions about the offender who is the subject of the written notice submitted by the director, including, but not limited to, the offender's institutional conduct and rehabilitative activities while incarcerated.
- (F) Upon receipt of a written notice submitted by the director under division (B) of this section, the court either shall, on its own motion, schedule a hearing to consider releasing the offender who is the subject of the notice or shall inform the department that it will not be conducting a hearing relative to the offender. The court shall not grant an early release to an offender without holding a hearing. If a court declines to hold a hearing relative to an offender with respect to a written notice submitted by the director, the court may later consider release of that offender under this section on its own motion by scheduling a hearing for that purpose. Within thirty days after the written notice is submitted, the court shall inform the department whether or not the court is scheduling a hearing on the offender who is the subject of the notice.

(G) If the court schedules a hearing upon receiving a written notice submitted under division (B) of this section or upon its own motion under division (F) of this section, the court shall notify the head of the state correctional institution in which the offender is confined of the hearing prior to the hearing. If the court makes a journal entry ordering the offender to be conveyed to the hearing, except as otherwise provided in this division, the head of the correctional institution shall deliver the offender to the sheriff of the county in which the hearing is to be held, and the sheriff shall convey the offender to and from the hearing. Upon the court's own motion or the motion of the offender or the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offender was indicted, the court may permit the offender to appear at the hearing by video conferencing equipment if equipment of that nature is available and compatible.

Upon receipt of notice from a court of a hearing on the release of an offender under this division, the head of the state correctional institution in which the offender is confined immediately shall notify the appropriate person at the department of rehabilitation and correction of the hearing, and the department within twenty-four hours after receipt of the notice shall post on the database it maintains pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised Code the offender's name and all of the information specified in division (A)(1)(c)(i) of that section. If the court schedules a hearing under this section, the court promptly shall give notice of the hearing to the prosecuting attorney of the county in

which the offender was indicted. Upon receipt of the notice from the court, the prosecuting attorney shall notify pursuant to section 2930.16 of the Revised Code any victim of the offender or the victim's representative of the hearing.

- (H) If the court schedules a hearing under this section, at the hearing, the court shall afford the offender and the offender's attorney an opportunity to present written information and, if present, oral information relevant to the offender's early release. The court shall afford a similar opportunity to the prosecuting attorney, victim or victim's representative, as defined in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, and any other person the court determines is likely to present additional relevant information. If the court pursuant to division (G) of this section permits the offender to appear at the hearing by video conferencing equipment, the offender's opportunity to present oral information shall be as a part of the video conferencing. The court shall consider any statement of a victim or any other harmed person made under section 2930.14 or 2930.17 of the Revised Code, any victim impact statement prepared under section 2947.051 of the Revised Code, and any report and other documentation submitted by the director under division (D) of this section. After ruling on whether to grant the offender early release, the court shall notify the victim in accordance with sections 2930.03 and 2930.16 of the Revised Code.
- (I) If the court grants an offender early release under this section, it shall order the release of the

offender, shall place the offender under one or more appropriate community control sanctions, under appropriate conditions, and under the supervision of the department of probation that serves the court, and shall reserve the right to reimpose the sentence that it reduced and from which the offender was released if the offender violates the sanction. The court shall not make a release under this section effective prior to the date on which the offender becomes eligible as described in division (C) of this section. If the sentence under which the offender is confined in a state correctional institution and from which the offender is being released was imposed for a felony of the first or second degree, the court shall consider ordering that the offender be monitored by means of a global positioning device. If the court reimposes the sentence that it reduced and from which the offender was released and if the violation of the sanction is a new offense, the court may order that the reimposed sentence be served either concurrently with, or consecutive to, any new sentence imposed upon the offender as a result of the violation that is a new offense. The period of all community control sanctions imposed under this division shall not exceed five years. The court, in its discretion, may reduce the period of community control sanctions by the amount of time the offender spent in jail or prison for the offense.

If the court grants an offender early release under this section, it shall notify the appropriate person at the department of rehabilitation and correction of the release, and the department shall post notice of the release on the database it maintains pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised Code.

- (J) The department shall adopt under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code any rules necessary to implement this section.
- (B) Section 2930.071 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, applies to minor victims and sex offense victims involved in cases that are pending or are initiated on or after the effective date of this act, regardless of the date of the commission of the crime or specified delinquent act in question, if the minor victim or sex offense victim would have been that type of victim in reference to the definition of "crime" or "specified delinquent act" in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act.