

~~(F) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED AS CREATING A CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF ANY INDIVIDUAL AGAINST ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, PUBLIC AGENCY, OR STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~

(F) AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, OR PUBLIC AGENCY SHALL HAVE THE IMMUNITY DESCRIBED IN §§ 5-302 AND 5-522 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE REGARDING CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTION RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS IT IS SHOWN THAT THE OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENCY ACTED WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR IN BAD FAITH.

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A crime victim or witness should:

(15) On written request to the parole authority, be informed any time there is to be a hearing on provisional release from custody and any time the offender is to receive such a release;

(17) On written request to the agency that has custody of the offender after sentencing, be informed by the agency any time the offender escapes or receives a mandatory supervision release.

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The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall be responsible for making the guidelines available to the agencies involved. To the extent feasible, the guidelines shall be printed by the inmates employed by State Use Industries.

851.

(a) A victim of a delinquent act or a witness should:

(7) Be advised of the right to have stolen or other property promptly returned and, on written request, have the property promptly returned by law enforcement agencies when means can be employed to otherwise satisfy evidentiary requirements for prosecution unless there is a compelling law enforcement reason for retaining it; [and]

(8) Be informed, in appropriate cases, by the State's Attorney of the right to request restitution and, on request, be provided assistance in the preparation of the request and advice as to the collection of the payment of any restitution awarded; AND

(9) ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY, BE INFORMED ANY TIME THAT THE CHILD IS TO BE RELEASED OR ESCAPES.

(b) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall be responsible for making the guidelines available to the agencies involved.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

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