

House Bill 506, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 242.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 242

AN ACT concerning

Victims' Rights - ~~Plea Agreement~~ Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring the notification of certain victims about the terms and conditions of any plea agreement and judicial action under certain circumstances; ~~defining certain terms~~; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to victims' notification procedures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 770
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

770.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Victim" means an individual who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as a direct result of a crime or delinquent act, including a family member or guardian of a minor, incompetent, or homicide victim.

(3) "Clerk" means the clerk of a circuit court or the clerk of a court sitting as the juvenile court, as the context requires.

(4) ~~"DEFENDANT" MEANS:~~

(i) ~~A PERSON WHO IS CHARGED WITH A CRIME, OR~~

(ii) ~~A CHILD WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED A DELINQUENT ACT.~~

(5) ~~"PLEA AGREEMENT" MEANS:~~

(i) ~~AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEFENDANT OR THE DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY AND THE STATE'S ATTORNEY THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL~~