

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Victim notification by board of parole.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to victim notification; repealing the
 2 requirement that the department of corrections notify the
 3 victim when an inmate is to be paroled; requiring the board
 4 of parole to provide victim notification when specified
 5 events are scheduled to occur, or have occurred; amending
 6 information that is to be provided as specified; and
 7 providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-40-204(c)(ii), (v) and by creating
 12 a new subsection (d), by renumbering (d) and (e) as (e) and
 13 (f) and by amending and renumbering (f) as (g) is amended
 14 to read:

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1 **1-40-204. Rights of victims and witnesses to be**
2 **informed during the criminal justice process.**

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4 (c) Victims, key witnesses, offices of prosecutors,
5 victim witness coordinators and advocates who have
6 participated in the criminal prosecution shall be offered
7 the opportunity to be informed in writing by the department
8 of corrections about:

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10 (ii) The earliest date upon which the offender
11 could be released and the date released;

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13 (v) Any ~~decision to grant or modify parole and~~
14 ~~any conditions imposed~~ change in location of the offender's
15 parole supervision;

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17 (d) Victims, key witnesses, offices of prosecutors,
18 victim witness coordinators and advocates who have
19 participated in the criminal prosecution shall be offered
20 the opportunity to be informed in writing by the board of
21 parole about:

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23 (i) Any decision to grant or modify parole and
24 any conditions imposed;

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(ii) Any pending revocation of parole, any associated return to custody, the revocation hearing date and disposition of revocation proceedings;

(iii) Any absconcion from supervision and subsequent apprehension;

(iv) Any rescission of parole;

(v) Discharge from parole.

~~(d)~~(e) The governor's office shall ensure that the appropriate government agency shall notify in writing, or in person, victims, key witnesses, prosecutors, victim witness coordinators and advocates who have participated in the criminal prosecution of an application for a pardon or the pending commutation of the offender.

~~(e)~~(f) Victims, key witnesses, prosecutors, victim witness coordinators and advocates who have participated in the criminal prosecution who wish to receive notification and information shall provide the appropriate criminal justice agencies with their current address and telephone

1 number. This address will only be used for notification
2 purposes.

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4 ~~(f)~~(g) Nothing in subsections (c) ~~and (d)~~through (e)
5 of this section shall mean the victim, key witnesses,
6 prosecutors, victim witness coordinators or advocates who
7 have participated in the criminal prosecution shall be
8 given information that could jeopardize the safety or
9 security of any person.

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11 **Section 2.** W.S. 1-40-204(c)(v) is repealed.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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