

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1503

By: Coffee, Gumm and Jolley of  
the Senate

and

Morgan (Fred), Askins,  
Duncan, Terrill, Nance,  
Wright and Dank of the  
House

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22  
O.S. 2001, Section 984.1, which relates to victim  
impact statements; prohibiting cross-examination of  
certain persons at specified proceedings; and  
providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 984.1, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 984.1 A. Each victim, or members of the immediate family of each victim or person designated by the victim or by family members of the victim, may present a written victim impact statement or appear personally at the sentence proceeding and present the statements orally. Provided, however, if a victim or any member of the immediate family or person designated by the victim or by family members of a victim wishes to appear personally, such person shall have the absolute right to do so. Any victim or any member of the immediate family or person designated by the victim or by family members of a victim who appears personally at the formal sentence proceeding shall not be cross-examined by opposing counsel; provided, however, such cross-examination shall not be prohibited in a proceeding before a jury or a judge acting as a finder of fact.

B. If a presentence investigation report is prepared, the person preparing the report shall consult with each victim or members of the immediate family or a designee of members of the immediate family if the victim is deceased, incapacitated or incompetent, and include any victim impact statements in the presentence investigation report. If the individual to be consulted cannot be located or declines to cooperate, a notation to that effect shall be included.

C. The judge shall make available to the parties copies of any victim impact statements.

D. In any case which is plea bargained, victim impact statements shall be presented at the time of sentencing or attached to the district attorney narrative report. In determining the appropriate sentence, the court shall consider among other factors any victim impact statements if submitted to the jury, or the judge in the event a jury was waived.

E. The Department of Corrections and the Pardon and Parole Board, in deciding whether to release an individual on parole, shall consider any victim impact statements submitted to the jury, or the judge in the event a jury was waived.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2006.

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of Representatives