

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 539</b>
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**Bill Summary**

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Engrossed Senate Bill 539 requires law enforcement officer to notify the victim of a violent crime of the victim's rights and any services that may be available to the victim. These rights are:

1. The right to request that charges be pressed against your assailant;
2. The right to request protection from any harm or threat of harm arising out of your cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts as far as facilities are available and to be provided with information on the level of protection available;
3. The right to be informed of financial assistance and other social services available to victims, including information on how to apply for the assistance and services;
4. The right to a free forensic medical examination for sexual assault;
5. The right to prepare and present a victim impact statement; and
6. The right to be informed by the district attorney of other victim's rights available.

The written notice must also include the telephone numbers of the Office of the District Attorney and Victim Witness Coordinator.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Marilyn Anderson

Engrossed SB 539 requires officers who interview victims of violent crime to provide the victim with a written statement listing their rights as a victim of a violent crime.

**Fiscal Analysis**

Engrossed SB 539 in its current form has no significant fiscal impact.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:



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