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Senate Bill 318 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Crime Victim's Rights Act to require notice to crime victims when a prisoner or juvenile offender legally changed his or her name while imprisoned or under the probate court's jurisdiction or within two years of release, parole, or discharge from the probate court's jurisdiction. The Act requires that, upon the written request of a victim of a crime, a county sheriff or the Department of Corrections (DOC) mail to the victim certain information about a prisoner who was sentenced for commission of that crime, and that the probate court or the Department of Social Services (DSS) make a good faith effort to notify the victim of a juvenile offender before certain events occur.

The bill would add to the list of information that must be provided to a victim of a felony, notification that a prisoner had his or her name legally changed or had his or her name changed in accordance with DOC procedures. A victim of a serious misdemeanor would have to be notified that a prisoner had his or her name legally changed. The court or DSS would have to make a good faith effort to notify a victim of a juvenile offender before that juvenile had his or her name legally changed.

The bill would take effect on October 1, 1995.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The DOC already is required to enter information regarding escapes and parole violations into the LEIN system. Adding legal name changes should not result in increased costs to the Department.

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