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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 628 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the definition of "victim" in Article 1 of the Crime Victim's Rights Act, to include, for the purpose of making an impact statement only, a parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is less than 18 years old at the time of the commission of the crime and is not the defendant or incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian so chooses.

Article 1 provides for rights of a victim of a crime that either is designated by law as a felony or is punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. The rights include the right to make an impact statement that will be included in the presentence investigation report, and the right to make an oral impact statement at sentencing.

Article 1 defines "victim" as an individual who suffers direct or threatened physical, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime, except as provided for other individuals. These include a parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is less than 18 years of age and who is neither the defendant nor incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian so chooses. The bill would add the language described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact statement on State or local government.

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