

Senate Study Bill 3161 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
SCHULTZ)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to victim's rights including the definition of
2 victim.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 915.10, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. "Victim" means a person who has suffered physical,
4 emotional, or financial harm as the result of a public offense or
5 a delinquent act, other than a simple misdemeanor, committed in
6 this state. "Victim" also includes the immediate family members
7 of a victim who died or was rendered incompetent as a result of
8 the offense or who was under eighteen years of age at the time of
9 the offense. A first responder, including law enforcement, fire
10 personnel, and emergency medical services personnel, may also be
11 considered a victim for purposes of presenting a victim impact
12 statement to the court at the time of sentencing pursuant to
13 section 915.21.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to victim's rights including the definition
18 of "victim".

19 The bill provides that a first responder, including law
20 enforcement, fire personnel, and emergency medical services
21 personnel, may also be considered a victim for purposes of
22 presenting a victim impact statement to the court at the time of
23 sentencing pursuant to Code section 915.21.