

**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:

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