

S.F. No. 1611 – Crime Victim Notification

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Section 1 requires county attorneys to provide notice to victims of persons civilly committed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 253B, as mentally ill and dangerous of the process for requesting notification of that person’s change of status. Victims may request notification of that individual’s discharge or release by submitting a written request for notification to the executive director of the facility in which the individual is confined. The Department of Corrections or a county attorney who receives a request for notification from a victim under this section must forward the request to the executive director of the facility.

Section 2 requires county attorneys to provide notice to victims of persons civilly committed under chapter 253D as sexually dangerous persons or sexual psychopathic personalities of the process for requesting notification of the person’s change of status.

Section 3 provides that a victim of a person civilly committed under chapter 253D may request notification of that individual’s discharge or release by submitting a written request for notification to the executive director of the facility in which the individual is confined. The Department of Corrections or a county attorney who receives a request for notification from a victim must forward the request to the executive director of the facility.

Section 4 is a technical clarification.

Section 5 requires the Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public Safety to develop and update a model notice of postconviction rights under chapter 611A (Crime Victims; Rights; Programs, Agencies).

Section 6 clarifies that the Department of Corrections or county custodial authorities are responsible for notification of victims of offenders released from prison or incarceration, and the Department of Human Services is responsible for notification of victims of persons released from civil commitment.

Section 7 repeals section 253D.14 (Victim Notification of Petition and Release; Right to Submit Statement) and section 611A.0385 (Sentencing; Implementation of Right to Notice of Offender Release and Expungement).