

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4421

April 13, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Young, Conlin, Brixie, Farhat, Byrnes, Outman, Kunse, Bezotte, Filler, Tisdell, BeGole, Arbit, Wilson, Brenda Carter, VanWoerkom, Hope, Bierlein, Scott, Glanville, Dievendorf, McFall, Hoskins, Morgan, Schuette, Paiz, Mueller, Fitzgerald, Liberati, Weiss, Neeley, Miller, Tyrone Carter, Meerman, Beson, Coffia, Skaggs, Brabec and Aiyash and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled  
"William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act,"  
by amending sections 8, 38, and 68 (MCL 780.758, 780.788, and  
780.818), as amended by 2012 PA 457.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 8. (1) Based upon the victim's reasonable apprehension of  
2 acts or threats of physical violence or intimidation by the  
3 defendant or at defendant's direction against the victim or the  
4 victim's immediate family, the prosecuting attorney may move that

1 the victim or any other witness not be compelled to testify at  
2 pretrial proceedings or at trial for purposes of identifying the  
3 victim as to the victim's address, place of employment, or other  
4 personal identification without the victim's consent. A hearing on  
5 the motion ~~shall~~**must** be in camera.

6 (2) The work address and address of the victim ~~shall~~**must** not  
7 be in the court file or ordinary court documents unless contained  
8 in a transcript of the trial or it is used to identify the place of  
9 the crime. The work telephone number and telephone number of the  
10 victim ~~shall~~**must** not be in the court file or ordinary court  
11 documents except as contained in a transcript of the trial.

12 (3) Under section 24 of article I of the state constitution of  
13 1963, guaranteeing to crime victims the right to be treated with  
14 respect for their dignity and privacy, ~~all of the following~~  
15 information and visual representations of a victim are ~~exempt from~~  
16 ~~disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL~~  
17 ~~15.231 to 15.246~~**subject to the following:**

18 (a) The home address, home telephone number, work address, and  
19 work telephone number of the victim **are exempt from disclosure**  
20 **under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to**  
21 **15.246**, unless the address is used to identify the place of the  
22 crime.

23 (b) A picture, photograph, drawing, or other visual  
24 representation, including any film, videotape, or digitally stored  
25 image of the victim, **are exempt from disclosure under the freedom**  
26 **of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246**, and, if the  
27 **picture, photograph, drawing, or other visual representation is**  
28 **from a court proceeding that is made available to the public**  
29 **through streaming on the internet or other means, the picture,**

1 **photograph, drawing, or visual representation may be blurred.**

2 (c) The following information concerning a victim of child  
3 abuse, criminal sexual conduct, assault with intent to commit  
4 criminal sexual conduct, or a similar crime who was less than 18  
5 years of age when the crime was committed **is exempt from disclosure**  
6 **under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to**  
7 **15.246:**

8 (i) The victim's name and address.

9 (ii) The name and address of an immediate family member or  
10 relative of the victim, who has the same surname as the victim,  
11 other than the name and address of the accused.

12 (iii) Any other information that would tend to reveal the  
13 identity of the victim, including a reference to the victim's  
14 familial or other relationship to the accused.

15 (4) Subsection (3) does not preclude the release of  
16 information to a victim advocacy organization or agency for the  
17 purpose of providing victim services.

18 Sec. 38. (1) Based upon the victim's reasonable apprehension  
19 of acts or threats of physical violence or intimidation by the  
20 juvenile or at the juvenile's direction against the victim or the  
21 victim's immediate family, the prosecuting attorney may move or, in  
22 the absence of a prosecuting attorney, the victim may request that  
23 the victim or any other witness not be compelled to testify at any  
24 court hearing for purposes of identifying the victim as to the  
25 victim's address, place of employment, or other personal  
26 identification without the victim's consent. A hearing on the  
27 motion ~~shall~~**must** be in camera.

28 (2) Under section 24 of article I of the state constitution of  
29 1963, guaranteeing to crime victims the right to be treated with

1 respect for their dignity and privacy, ~~all of the following~~  
2 information and visual representations of a victim are ~~exempt from~~  
3 ~~disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL~~  
4 ~~15.231 to 15.246~~: **subject to the following:**

5 (a) The home address, home telephone number, work address, and  
6 work telephone number of the victim **are exempt from disclosure**  
7 **under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to**  
8 **15.246.**

9 (b) A picture, photograph, drawing, or other visual  
10 representation, including any film, videotape, or digitally stored  
11 image of the victim, **are exempt from disclosure under the freedom**  
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23 (i) The victim's name and address.

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25 relative of the victim, who has the same surname as the victim,  
26 other than the name and address of the accused.

27 (iii) Any other information that would tend to reveal the  
28 identity of the victim, including a reference to the victim's  
29 familial or other relationship to the accused.

1           (3) Subsection (2) does not preclude the release of  
2 information to a victim advocacy organization or agency for the  
3 purpose of providing victim services.

4           Sec. 68. (1) Based upon the victim's reasonable apprehension  
5 of acts or threats of physical violence or intimidation by the  
6 defendant or at defendant's direction against the victim or the  
7 victim's immediate family, the prosecuting attorney may move that  
8 the victim or any other witness not be compelled to testify at  
9 pretrial proceedings or at trial for purposes of identifying the  
10 victim as to the victim's address, place of employment, or other  
11 personal identification without the victim's consent. A hearing on  
12 the motion ~~shall~~**must** be in camera.

13           (2) Under section 24 of article I of the state constitution of  
14 1963, guaranteeing to crime victims the right to be treated with  
15 respect for their dignity and privacy, ~~all of the following~~  
16 information and visual representations of a victim are ~~exempt from~~  
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20 work telephone number of the victim **are exempt from disclosure**  
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11 other than the name and address of the accused.

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13 identity of the victim, including a reference to the victim's  
14 familial or other relationship to the accused.

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16 information to a victim advocacy organization or agency for the  
17 purpose of providing victim services.