

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4798**

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled  
"William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act,"  
(MCL 780.751 to 780.834) by adding section 8a.

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

1           **Sec. 8a. (1) Except as otherwise provided under this section,**  
2 **the prosecuting attorney shall keep the personal information of any**  
3 **victim confidential unless the personal information is a part of**  
4 **the res gestae of the charged crime.**

5           **(2) The prosecuting attorney shall redact the personal**  
6 **information of a victim required to be kept confidential under**  
7 **subsection (1) from both of the following:**

8           **(a) Any document provided to the defense counsel or the**  
9 **defendant.**



1 (b) Any document that the prosecuting attorney submits as an  
2 ordinary court document or that will be entered into the court  
3 file.

4 (3) This section does not alleviate the obligation otherwise  
5 required under law to make a victim available for interview by the  
6 other party.

7 (4) On motion by the defendant, and subject to subsection (7),  
8 the court may order the prosecuting attorney to provide personal  
9 information to the defense counsel or the defendant.

10 (5) A motion under subsection (4) must meet the following  
11 requirements:

12 (a) Demonstrate that the personal information requested is  
13 reasonably necessary to provide an adequate defense.

14 (b) Explain the limited purpose for which the personal  
15 information is sought.

16 (6) If the court grants a motion under subsection (4), the  
17 order must do all of the following:

18 (a) Limit the disclosure of the personal information to the  
19 extent the disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide an  
20 adequate defense.

21 (b) Specify the limited purpose for which the personal  
22 information may be used.

23 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), require the  
24 personal information to remain in the exclusive custody of the  
25 defense counsel or the defendant if the defendant is not  
26 represented by counsel.

27 (d) Include conditions and terms for the defense counsel or,  
28 if the defendant is not represented by counsel, the defendant, to  
29 provide the personal information to the defense counsel's or the



1 defendant's agent, employee, or expert witness if necessary for a  
2 limited purpose approved by the court.

3 (e) Prohibit the reproduction, copying, or dissemination of  
4 the personal information unless authorized in the order.

5 (7) This section does not authorize the disclosure of the  
6 confidential address of a program participant.

7 (8) This section does not preclude the release of information  
8 to a victim advocacy organization or agency for the purpose of  
9 providing victim services.

10 (9) A person who is required to keep confidential or redact  
11 personal information under this section and who intentionally and  
12 willfully discloses that personal information in violation of this  
13 section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for  
14 not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

15 (10) As used in this section:

16 (a) "Confidential address" means that term as defined in  
17 section 3 of the address confidentiality program act, 2020 PA 301,  
18 MCL 780.853.

19 (b) "Internet identifier" means a designation used for self-  
20 identification or routing used in posting on the internet or in  
21 other internet communications.

22 (c) "Personal information" means the following information of  
23 a victim but does not include the location of a charged crime:

24 (i) Home address.

25 (ii) Telephone number and cellular telephone number.

26 (iii) Driver license number or official state personal  
27 identification card number.

28 (iv) Social Security number.

29 (v) Date of birth.



- 1           (vi) Place and address of employment.  
2           (vii) Employee identification number.  
3           (viii) Mother's maiden name.  
4           (ix) Demand deposit account, savings account, or checking  
5 account number, or other financial identification information.  
6           (x) Credit card number.  
7           (xi) Email address.  
8           (xii) Internet identifier.  
9           (xiii) Home address, telephone number, and cellular telephone  
10 number of a family member.  
11           (d) "Program participant" means that term as defined in  
12 section 3 of the address confidentiality act, 2020 PA 301, MCL  
13 780.853.

