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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 57

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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF A VICTIM IMPACT  
10 STATEMENT DURING AN INMATE'S PAROLE DETERMINATION;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

15 CONCERNING THE USE OF A VICTIM IMPACT  
16 STATEMENT DURING AN INMATE'S PAROLE  
17 DETERMINATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-90-1113 is amended to read as follows:

23 16-90-1113. Consideration and release of a victim impact statement ~~at~~  
24 during an inmate's parole hearing determination.

25 (a)(1)(A) Before determining whether to release the ~~defendant inmate~~ inmate  
26 on parole, the Parole Board shall permit the victim to present a written  
27 victim impact statement at a victim impact hearing concerning the effects of  
28 the crime on the victim, the circumstances surrounding the crime, the manner  
29 in which the crime was perpetrated, and the victim's opinion regarding  
30 whether the ~~defendant inmate~~ inmate should be released on parole.

31 (B) At the victim's option, the victim may present the  
32 statement ~~orally at the parole hearing~~ verbally at a victim impact hearing  
33 conducted by one (1) or more members of the board.

34 (2) Under this section, a victim impact hearing may be conducted  
35 through video-conference technology if utilizing video-conference technology  
36 does not inhibit the victim's statement.



