



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 5290

Offered by:

SEN. WILLIAMS, 29<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5785

File No. 683

Cal. No. 520

***"An Act Concerning Victim's Rights."***

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1        In line 26, after "commissioner" insert the following: "Loan funds  
2        awarded under subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be used to pay  
3        for essential living expenses, directly resulting from the loss of income  
4        provided by the deceased victim, or preexisting financial obligations  
5        that are not otherwise forgiven or excused. The Office of the Chief  
6        Court Administrator shall establish procedures and forms for the  
7        application and repayment of such loans."

8        In line 125, after "record" strike ", including approval or  
9        disapproval" and substitute ", which statement may include the  
10       victim's opinion" in lieu thereof

11       In line 168, after "photograph" insert the following: "not to exceed  
12       eight inches by ten inches solely"

13       In line 168, after "victim" insert "prior to the date of the offense for  
14       which the defendant is being tried"

15       Strike lines 170 and 171 in their entirety and insert the following in

16 lieu thereof: "in nature, may be shown to the jury during the opening  
17 and closing arguments by the prosecutor."

18 After line 229, insert the following:

19 "Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 46a-13d of the general statutes is  
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

21 (a) All state, local and private agencies shall have a duty to  
22 cooperate with any investigation conducted by the Office of the Victim  
23 Advocate. Consistent with the provisions of the general statutes  
24 concerning the confidentiality of records and information, the Victim  
25 Advocate shall have access to, including the right to inspect and copy,  
26 any records necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Victim  
27 Advocate as provided in section 46a-13c, [to the same extent as a  
28 victim would have access to such records.] Nothing contained in this  
29 subsection shall be construed to waive a victim's right to  
30 confidentiality of communication or records as protected by and  
31 provisions of the general statutes or common law."