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"AN ACT CONCERNING VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 53a-46d of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 A victim impact statement prepared [by] with the assistance of a
6 victim advocate to be placed in court files in accordance with
7 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 54-220, as amended by this
8 act, may be read in court prior to imposition of sentence upon a
9 defendant found guilty of a crime punishable by death.

10 Sec. 502. Section 54-220 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

12 (a) Victim advocates shall have the following responsibilities and
13 duties: (1) To provide initial screening of each personal injury case; (2)

14 to [prepare] assist victims in the preparation of victim impact
15 statements to be placed in court files; (3) to [assist victims by providing
16 information needed for more effective processing of cases] notify
17 victims of their rights and request that each victim attest to the fact of
18 such notification of rights on a form developed by the Office of the
19 Chief Court Administrator, which form shall be signed by the victim
20 advocate and the victim and be placed in court files and a copy of
21 which form shall be provided to the victim; (4) to provide information
22 and advice to [individual] victims in order to assist such victims in
23 exercising their rights throughout the criminal justice process; (5) to
24 direct victims to public and private agencies for service; (6) to
25 coordinate victim applications to the Office of Victim Services; and (7)
26 to assist victims in the processing of claims for restitution.

27 (b) Within available appropriations, the Office of Victim Services
28 may contract with any public or private agency for victim advocate
29 services in geographical area courts."