



PA 18-128—sHB 5471

Judiciary Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING VICTIM'S RIGHTS AND RESTITUTION

SUMMARY: This act requires the court, when sentencing an individual convicted of a criminal offense, to inquire on the record whether there are any requests from victims for restitution. Existing law, unchanged by the act, requires the court to order an offender to make financial restitution, under terms that it determines are appropriate, if the:

1. individual was convicted of an offense that resulted in injury to another person or property damage or loss;
2. victim requests financial restitution; and
3. court finds that the victim suffered injury or property damage or loss as a result of the offense.

Under existing law, the court must impose or direct any such restitution by a written order. The act explicitly requires that the order be written on a form the chief court administrator prescribes. It also (1) requires the court to retain each original form containing a written restitution order as part of the offender's court file and (2) makes a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018