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Overview

This bill expands certain rights of victims of juvenile crime. The bill also amends the Revenue Recapture Act as it pertains to the rights of a non-liable spouse who is entitled to a refund from a claimant agency.

Section

- 1 Residence.** Amends the court services data practices section by adding a subdivision that allows a victim of a juvenile crime or delinquent act to request and receive the juvenile offender's current city of residence. Currently, this data is only available to victims who need it to collect restitution.
- 2 Delinquency hearings.** Permits parents or guardians of minor-age victims of juvenile crimes to attend and participate in the perpetrator's juvenile delinquency hearings.
- 3 Public inspection of records.** Permits prosecutors to share juvenile offender information with victims without the victim making a formal written request for the information.
- 4 Time limit to request an allocation of refund.** Amends the Revenue Recapture Act so that an offender's spouse has 90 days (currently 18 months) to claim his or her share of a joint tax refund owed by the Department of Revenue.
- 5 Definition of victim.** Expands the definition of victim in the victim rights chapter (611A) to include parents or guardians of minor-age victims of crime. The change is intended to ensure that parents are allowed to attend juvenile court hearings when their children are victims of the delinquent act.