

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 893 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY COLEMAN, GEBHARD, LAUGHLIN, ROTHMAN, COSTA,
BREWSTER, BROWN AND SCHWANK, AUGUST 16, 2023

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, AUGUST 16, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals," in
7 crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of
8 State and local law enforcement agencies.

9 This act may be referred to as Tara's Law.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 212 of the act of November 24, 1998
13 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by
14 adding a subsection to read:

15 Section 212. Responsibilities of State and local law
16 enforcement agencies.

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18 (h) Release of identification.--

19 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), a law
20 enforcement agency shall make a reasonable effort to contact
21 a surviving family member of a direct victim of murder or

1 intervenor before publicly releasing the identification of
2 the direct victim or intervenor.

3 (2) A law enforcement agency may publicly release the
4 identification of a direct victim of murder or intervenor
5 without notification of the death to a surviving family
6 member if the release is necessary for the investigation of
7 the murder.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.