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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the presence of a crime victim at a hearing
2 where the defendant is pleading guilty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 915.13, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. The scheduled date, time, and place of
4 a hearing where the defendant is pleading guilty, and the
5 right to present a victim impact statement as provided in
6 paragraph "d" prior to any plea of guilty.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill relates to the presence of a crime victim at a
9 hearing where the defendant is pleading guilty.

10 The bill requires the county attorney to notify a crime
11 victim of the date, time, and place of any hearing where the
12 defendant is pleading guilty. Under the bill, a victim has
13 the right to present a victim impact statement in the presence
14 of the defendant prior to any plea of guilty.

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