

**E2SSB 5296** - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-2190.1/25) **1262**

By Representative Couture

**NOT CONSIDERED 04/27/2025**

1 On page 2, line 21 of the striking amendment, after "(e)" insert  
2 "Before making a finding under (c) of this subsection, the court shall  
3 provide an opportunity for victims and survivors of victims of any  
4 crimes for which the juvenile has been adjudicated to present a  
5 statement personally or by representation at the hearing, and the  
6 court shall give great weight to the wishes of victims and survivors.  
7 When providing statements under this subsection (e), victims and  
8 survivors of victims are encouraged to articulate:

9 (i) The outcome that would make them feel safe; and

10 (ii) What they believe to be appropriate conditions of release,  
11 including geographic restrictions and conditions of electronic  
12 monitoring.

13 (f)"

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15 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
16 internal references accordingly.

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18 On page 10, line 11 of the striking amendment, after "(d)" insert  
19 "During each review hearing under this subsection (3), the court shall  
20 provide an opportunity for victims and survivors of victims of any  
21 crimes for which the juvenile has been adjudicated to present a  
22 statement personally or by representation at the hearing, and the  
23 court shall give great weight to the wishes of victims and survivors.  
24 When providing statements under this subsection (d), victims and  
25 survivors of victims are encouraged to articulate:

26 (i) The outcome that would make them feel safe; and  
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1        (ii) What they believe to be appropriate conditions of release,  
2 including geographic restrictions and conditions of electronic  
3 monitoring.  
4        (e) "

EFFECT: Requires that the court provide an opportunity for victims and survivors of victims to present a statement and requires the court to give great weight to the wishes of victims and survivors before making a finding regarding whether commitment to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is necessary and during each review hearing considering the juvenile's release.

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