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Crime Victim's Rights

State of Michigan Constitution: Article 1, Section 24

- 1. Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights, as provided by law:
 - The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
 - The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
 - The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
 - The right to notification of court proceedings.
 - The right to attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.
 - The right to confer with the prosecution.
 - The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.
 - The right to restitution.
 - The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.
- 2. The legislature may provide by law for the enforcement of the section.
- 3. The legislature may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

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