

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "SENTENCING OR DISPOSITION HEARING" MEANS A HEARING AT WHICH THE IMPOSITION OF A SENTENCE, DISPOSITION IN A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING, OR ALTERATION OF A SENTENCE OR DISPOSITION IN A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING IS CONSIDERED.

(3) "VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE VICTIM'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY, OR IF THE VICTIM IS DECEASED, UNDER A MENTAL, PHYSICAL, OR LEGAL DISABILITY, OR OTHERWISE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, OR GUARDIAN OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER.

(B) IN THE SENTENCING OR DISPOSITION HEARING OF A CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE CASE, THE COURT:

(1) SHALL, IF PRACTICABLE, PERMIT THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE ~~TO ADDRESS THE JUDGE OR JURY UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION~~ UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO ADDRESS THE JUDGE BEFORE THE IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE OR OTHER DISPOSITION:

(I) AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY; OR

(II) IF THE VICTIM HAS FILED A NOTIFICATION REQUEST FORM UNDER § 770 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) MAY PERMIT THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE ~~TO ADDRESS THE JUDGE UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION~~ UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO ADDRESS THE JUDGE BEFORE THE IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE OR OTHER DISPOSITION AT THE REQUEST OF THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE.

[(b)](C) (1) If the victim or the victim's representative is permitted to address the judge or jury, the defendant may cross-examine the victim or the victim's representative.

(2) The cross-examination is limited to the factual statements made in the address to the judge or jury.

[(c)] (D) (1) A victim or THE VICTIM'S representative has the right not to address the court at THE sentencing OR DISPOSITION HEARING.

(2) A person may not attempt to coerce a victim or THE VICTIM'S representative to address the court at THE sentencing OR DISPOSITION HEARING.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 780 OF THIS SUBHEADING.