

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE
PRISONERS (DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ABOUT VICTIMS) BILL

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 102, the bill as first printed for the Lords]

After Clause 2

1 Insert the following new Clause—

“Parole board database

- (1) Within six months of this Act being passed, the Parole Board must create and maintain a database of family members of victims to whom the circumstances referred to in sections 28A(1) and 28B(1) of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 apply.
- (2) At each stage of an offender’s parole application the Parole Board must contact the relevant persons to provide them with information pertaining to the application, including but not limited to—
 - (a) the timings of hearings where the prisoner’s release from prison is being considered;
 - (b) a relevant person’s rights in relation to requesting a judicial review of the Parole Board’s decision;
 - (c) the length of the sentence that will have been served by the prisoner at the time of the hearing;
 - (d) decisions of the Parole Board; and
 - (e) any other rights that a relevant person has relating to the provision of information.
- (3) The parole board must remove a relevant person from the database if they, or their parent or guardian (if applicable), do not wish their details to be included in the database.
- (4) Within one year of the database being created, the Secretary of State must undertake a review of the effectiveness of the Parole Board’s actions under this section, with a report to be laid before Parliament.
- (5) In this section, the relevant persons are—
 - (a) where the prisoner’s sentence has been imposed for murder or manslaughter, the victim’s parents or guardians, children and siblings; or

- (b) where the prisoner's sentence has been imposed for an offence relating to indecent images as defined by section 28B of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 –
 - (i) the victim, or
 - (ii) the suspected victim's parents or guardians if the victim or suspected victim is under the age of 18.”

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