

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**  
**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6094**  
**BILL NUMBER:** SB 9

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 22, 2026  
**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 20, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Victim Impact Statements at Sentencing.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Brown L  
**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. King

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a defendant to be present in the courtroom while a victim makes a statement concerning the crime and the sentence unless the defendant presents a safety risk, causes a significant disruption, was tried in absentia, or fails to appear.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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