

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6094
BILL NUMBER: SB 9

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 11, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Victim Impact Statements at Sentencing.

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

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) 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, or is absent due to the defendant committing the crime of failure to appear or the crime of escape. It specifies that a victim who is unable to make a statement at sentencing because the defendant committed escape or failure to appear may make a statement at the defendant's sentencing hearing for those crimes. It also provides that a defendant may not waive the right to be personally present at the time sentence is pronounced.

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: Trial courts.

Information Sources:

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