

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

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

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 2, 2026  
**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 16, 2026

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

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

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**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 or causes a significant disruption. It provides that if a defendant fails to appear at sentencing and is later taken into custody, the court may hold a hearing to permit the victim to makes a statement concerning the crime and the sentence in the presence of the defendant.

**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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