

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 176

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator BENNETT)

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These amendments clarify the notification procedures required under the bill. Rather than the Institutional Classification Committee of the particular correctional facility, the amendments provide that the Department of Corrections is to give notice to the county prosecutor or the Attorney General, depending upon which of those officers originally prosecuted the case, whenever an inmate who has been convicted of one of the enumerated crimes is subject to a review which may result in that inmate's participation in any residential community release program.

In addition, the amendments clarify that after notification by the Department of Corrections, the particular county prosecutor or the Attorney General would notify the appropriate county Office of Victim and Witness Advocacy which in turn would give notice to the victim or the crime or the victim's nearest relative if the crime resulted in death.