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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO
ESTABLISH RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article I of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 37. Rights of victims of crime.

(1) Crime victims or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin in the case of homicide, shall be entitled to certain basic rights as defined by law, including:

(a) The right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity throughout the criminal justice process.

(b) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused or any persons acting on the accused's behalf throughout the criminal justice process.

(c) The right to be given information about the crime, how the criminal justice system works, the rights of victims, and the availability of services for victims.

1 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.