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STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 10-0665.01 Brita Darling

**SENATE BILL 10-159**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS AT A COMMUNITY**  
102 **CORRECTIONS HEARING.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, a victim may submit a written victim impact statement to a community corrections board (board) that is considering an offender's transitional referral to community corrections, and a victim may also make a separate oral statement at the hearing.

The bill reaffirms a victim's right to make an oral statement and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

permits a board, in its discretion and within the parameters set by the board, to allow an offender to submit a written statement to the board and to have a person give an oral statement on the offender's behalf to the board concerning the transitional referral to community corrections.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 27 of title 17, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 **17-27-103.5. Statements relating to a transitional referral to**  
5 **community corrections.** (1) PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
6 24-4.1-302.5 (1) (j.5), C.R.S., A VICTIM SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
7 PROVIDE A WRITTEN VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT AND A SEPARATE ORAL  
8 STATEMENT TO A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD CONSIDERING AN  
9 OFFENDER'S TRANSITIONAL REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS.

10 (2) (a) A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD, IN ITS DISCRETION,  
11 AND WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET BY THE BOARD, MAY ALLOW AN  
12 OFFENDER WHO IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PLACEMENT IN A  
13 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM UNDER THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION:

14 (I) TO PROVIDE TO THE BOARD A WRITTEN STATEMENT  
15 CONCERNING THE OFFENDER'S TRANSITIONAL REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY  
16 CORRECTIONS; AND

17 (II) TO DESIGNATE A PERSON OTHER THAN THE OFFENDER TO GIVE  
18 AN ORAL STATEMENT ON THE OFFENDER'S BEHALF AT A COMMUNITY  
19 CORRECTIONS BOARD HEARING CONCERNING THE OFFENDER'S  
20 TRANSITIONAL REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS.

21 (b) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED  
22 TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO ANY PERSON, OTHER THAN THE OFFENDER AND A  
23 REGISTERED VICTIM, OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD HEARING

1 RELATING TO THE OFFENDER.

2           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
5 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
10 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
11 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.