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2 prisoner information system.

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4 * **Section 1.** AS 12.61 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

5 **Sec. 12.61.050. Automated victim notification system.** (a) The Department
6 of Corrections shall establish an automated victim notification system that
7 automatically provides crime victims with notice by telephone when there is a change
8 in the status of their offender. The system must also allow crime victims to initiate
9 telephone calls to the system to receive the latest status report for their offender. An
10 automated victim notification system established under this section satisfies the duty
11 of a state agency to notify a crime victim of the change in status of an offender. The
12 failure of a system to provide notice to a crime victim does not give rise to a separate
13 cause of action by the crime victim against the state, an agency of the state, or a
14 municipality, or the officers, employees, or contractors of the state, agency of the state,

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1 or municipality.

2 (b) Each department and each municipality shall cooperate with the
3 Department of Corrections in establishing and maintaining an automated victim
4 notification system required under this section.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 33.30.013 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (f) The commissioner's duty under (a) - (c) of this section to notify a victim
7 of a change in the status of an offender is satisfied by the notice provided by an
8 automated victim notification system established under AS 12.61.050.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 44.28.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) The department shall establish an automated inmate information system to
11 allow persons to place surcharge telephone calls to obtain information concerning
12 inmates and where they are incarcerated, bail and bond information, and information
13 concerning visiting hours at institutions. A system established under this subsection
14 (1) shall be designed so that all the costs of the system are, at a minimum, met by the
15 revenues received from calls to the system, and (2) shall be designed so that the
16 revenues received satisfy or defray the costs of establishing and maintaining an
17 automated victim notification system if such a system is established under
18 AS 12.61.050.