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HOUSE BILL ***218-FN***

AN ACT relative to providing victims of crime with a free police report of the investigation.

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COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides victims of crime with a right to request a free initial police report and, following the conclusion of the investigation or case, a free copy of the complete case file.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 171:1 Rights of Crime Victims; Copy of Police Report. Amend RSA 21-M:8-k, II(i) to read as follows:
2 (i) ~~[The right to be informed]~~ ***After the initial contact between a victim and a law enforcement***
3 ***agency responsible for investigating a crime, the agency shall promptly inform the victim*** about available
4 resources, financial assistance, and social services~~[-]~~, ***and the right of a victim to request a copy of the law***
5 ***enforcement report and other documents related to the case, including the right to receive a free copy of***
6 ***the initial incident report. The release of any documents associated with the investigation shall be at the***
7 ***discretion of the law enforcement agency based on the status of the case.***
8 171:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: September 13, 2025

