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House Bill 304 (Delegate Vallario. *et al.*)  
(Task Force to Examine Maryland's Crime Victims' Rights Laws)

Judiciary

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**Victims' Rights - Notification and Attendance - Posttrial Proceedings**

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This bill requires that crime victims and victims' representatives be notified of hearings on all motions for new trials and petitions for sentence review. The bill provides that victims and victims' representatives have the right to attend such hearings.

In addition, the bill requires State's Attorneys to notify crime victims or designated family members of all appeals to the Court of Special Appeals and the Court of Appeals without regard to whether the appeal was filed by the defendant. Current law requires such notifications for appeals filed by the defendant.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The requirements of this bill can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Judiciary.

**Local Effect:** None. It is assumed that the bill's changes in appeal notification requirements can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the State's Attorneys.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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