

Overview of the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act (CVRA) Articles¹

The following table illustrates the major differences among the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act (CVRA) articles.

CVRA	Offense	Offender	Court
CVRA, Article 1 (Felony Article) MCL 780.751 – MCL 780.775	Any felony	Adult defendants charged with or convicted of felonies or juveniles at least 14 but less than 18 years old charged with a specified juvenile violation, where the prosecutor has filed a criminal complaint in District Court rather than a delinquency petition in the Family Division of Circuit Court (i.e., automatic waiver proceedings).	Criminal Division of Circuit Court (after arraignment and preliminary examination in District Court).
CVRA, Article 2 (Juvenile Article) MCL 780.781 – MCL 780.802	Any felony and certain misdemeanors	Juveniles less than 18 years old alleged or found to be within the court’s jurisdiction under the Juvenile Code, MCL 712A.2(a)(1) , including individuals involved in designated proceedings.	Family Division of Circuit Court.
CVRA, Article 3 (Serious Misdemeanor Article) MCL 780.811 – MCL 780.834	Serious misdemeanors	Adult offenders charged with or convicted of serious misdemeanors.	District Court.

¹ See the Michigan Judicial Institute’s [Crime Victim Rights Benchbook](#) for more information on the crime victim’s rights in Michigan.

