

**IC 35-40-3**

**Chapter 3. Statutory Construction**

**IC 35-40-3-1**

**Construction of article**

Sec. 1. This article shall be construed to preserve and protect the rights to which a victim is entitled without interfering with the rights of the accused to receive a fair trial or the duty of the prosecuting attorney to represent the people of Indiana.

*As added by P.L.139-1999, SEC.1.*

**IC 35-40-3-2**

**Victims confined by law enforcement**

Sec. 2. This article may not be construed to imply that a victim who is confined by the department of correction or by any local law enforcement agency has a right to be released to attend a hearing or that the department of correction or the local law enforcement agency has a duty to transport the confined victim to a hearing.

*As added by P.L.139-1999, SEC.1.*

**IC 35-40-3-3**

**Delinquent acts**

Sec. 3. In cases involving a delinquent act, a reference in this article to:

- (1) a criminal court shall be treated as a reference to the juvenile court; and
- (2) a criminal proceeding or an action related to a criminal proceeding shall be treated as a reference to the equivalent proceeding or action under IC 31.

*As added by P.L.139-1999, SEC.1.*