



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Modifies Department of Justice crime victim compensation program. Expands definitions of "injury" and "survivor." Eliminates time requirement for notifying law enforcement officials of crime. Provides that law enforcement notification requirement is satisfied if victim took other specified actions. Authorizes compensation for counseling expenses for witness to death of victim or any person who first discovers deceased victim. Provides that medication prescribed in conjunction with counseling expenses or, for claims involving injuries, any medication associated with medical and hospital expenses, is compensable. Authorizes compensation for lost wages for parent or legal guardian of minor victim. Authorizes compensation for cleaning expenses related to death or injury of person. Authorizes department to award additional amount for funeral expenses. Increases maximum weekly compensation rate for loss of support to dependents of deceased victim. Provides that claims associated with review of assailant's case or hearing on assailant's release do not expire.

Repeals provisions directing department not to process compensation application if victim owes financial obligation associated with prior criminal conviction. Directs department to process application for incarcerated applicant in normal course, and provides that such applicant is not eligible for compensation until release.

Provides that information submitted to department by applicant is confidential.

Eliminates provisions directing department to notify district attorney when compensation claim is filed and defer compensation if prosecution is pending.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure all information submitted to the Department of Justice by an applicant under the department's crime victim compensation program.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public might be able to receive information submitted to the department by applicants seeking payment under the department's crime victim compensation program.