



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1232

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Rita Mayfield

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 240/3  
725 ILCS 240/7

from Ch. 70, par. 503  
from Ch. 70, par. 507

Amends the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act. Provides that any crime victim or his or her family, or both, may apply to the Attorney General for financial assistance from moneys collected by the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Fund. Provides that the Attorney General shall consider factors that he or she deems appropriate in selecting crime victims and their families that will receive moneys from the Fund. Provides that if the Attorney General selects a crime victim or his or her family, or both, to receive moneys from the Fund, the Attorney General shall issue a voucher to be presented to the State Comptroller, who shall examine the voucher in accordance with the State Comptroller Act, and if he or she is satisfied that the voucher meets the requirements of law, the Comptroller shall draw a warrant and present it to the State Treasurer to be countersigned by the State Treasurer. Provides that the warrant shall be returned to the Attorney General who shall mail the warrant to the crime victim or his or her family, or both, for payment of moneys from the Fund for financial assistance to the crime victim or his or her family, or both. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 3 and 7 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 240/3) (from Ch. 70, par. 503)

7 Sec. 3. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 (a) "Advisory Commission" means the Violent Crimes  
9 Advisory Commission created in Section 4 of this Act;

10 (b) "Fund" means the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Fund  
11 created in Section 10 of this Act;

12 (c) "Agency" or "agencies" means any federal, State, local  
13 or private entity which provides, operates or coordinates  
14 victim and witness assistance programs;~~;~~

15 (d) "Crime victim" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
16 Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

17 (Source: P.A. 83-908.)

18 (725 ILCS 240/7) (from Ch. 70, par. 507)

19 Sec. 7. Administration of Fund. The Attorney General shall  
20 administer the disbursement of monies collected by the Fund in  
21 accordance with the following procedures.

22 (a) Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the

1 Attorney General for selection and funding as a victim and  
2 witness assistance center pursuant to this Act.

3 (a-5) Any crime victim or his or her family, or both, may  
4 apply to the Attorney General for financial assistance from  
5 moneys collected by the Fund. The Attorney General shall  
6 consider factors that he or she deems appropriate in selecting  
7 crime victims and their families that will receive moneys from  
8 the Fund. If the Attorney General selects a crime victim or his  
9 or her family, or both, to receive moneys from the Fund, the  
10 Attorney General shall issue a voucher to be presented to the  
11 State Comptroller, who shall examine the voucher in accordance  
12 with Section 9 of the State Comptroller Act, and if he or she  
13 is satisfied that the voucher meets the requirements of law,  
14 the Comptroller shall draw a warrant and present it to the  
15 State Treasurer to be countersigned by the State Treasurer. The  
16 warrant shall be returned to the Attorney General who shall  
17 mail the warrant to the crime victim or his or her family, or  
18 both, for payment of moneys from the Fund for financial  
19 assistance to the crime victim or his or her family, or both.

20 (b) The Attorney General shall consider the following  
21 factors together with any other circumstances he or she deems  
22 appropriate in selecting victim and witness assistance centers  
23 ~~applicants~~ to receive funds and to be designated as victim and  
24 witness assistance centers:

25 (1) Stated goals of applicants;

26 (2) Commitment and ability to provide the services

1 described in Section 8 of this Act;

2 (3) Number of people to be served and the needs of the  
3 community;

4 (4) Evidence of community support;

5 (5) Organizational structure of the agency;

6 (6) Maximization of volunteers.

7 (c) After evaluation of all applicants, the Attorney  
8 General shall select a number of applicants which the Attorney  
9 General deems qualified under this Act for designation to  
10 receive funding pursuant to this Act as individual crime  
11 victims or family members of crime victims or for the  
12 establishment and operation of the centers. Funding contracts  
13 shall be entered into by the Attorney General with each  
14 designated victim and witness assistance center applicant on an  
15 annual basis. The Attorney General may impose matching funds  
16 requirements on victim and witness assistance center grant  
17 recipients. The Attorney General may evaluate each victim and  
18 witness assistance center recipient prior to each fund  
19 dispersal and cancel the remaining term of any contract in  
20 which the recipient has failed to meet the contract  
21 requirements or for any good cause.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-139, eff. 1-1-98.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.