

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6318-01  
Bill No.: HB 2065  
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Victims of Crime  
Type: Original  
Date: March 7, 2014

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Bill Summary: This proposal increases the amount of compensation paid for death, personal injury, or loss of earning or support to crime victims from \$200 per week to \$400 per week.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Crime Victims' Compensation	(\$211,528)	(\$253,834)	(\$253,834)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$211,528)</b>	<b>(\$253,834)</b>	<b>(\$253,834)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** defer to the Department of Public Safety for a specific estimate on the impact to the Crime Victim' Compensation Fund.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** state there will be some increase in amount expended due to increase in payroll reimbursement; however, due to times when the fund requests increase or decrease, generally, the fund balance remains around \$6.5 million, which we feel will continue. Therefore, DPS assumes the proposal would not have a fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would double the amount of reimbursement from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund for lost wages from up to \$200 per week to up to \$400 per week. According to DPS' web site, over the past three years the following amounts were paid through the Crime Victims' Compensation Program for wages:

FY 2011	\$359,210
FY 2012	\$212,555
FY 2013	\$189,738

Therefore, Oversight will take an average of these three years (\$253,834) and assume DPS could double the amount paid from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (0681). Oversight will reflect 10 months of impact in FY '15. The balance of the Fund at February 28, 2014 was \$7,012,696.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION</b>			
<u>Costs</u> - Department of Public Safety - increasing the maximum amount that could be paid for wages from \$200 per week to \$400 per week	<u>(\$211,528)</u>	<u>(\$253,834)</u>	<u>(\$253,834)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$211,528)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$253,834)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$253,834)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2015  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2016

FY 2017

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

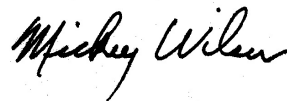
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal increases the amount of compensation paid for death, personal injury, or loss of earning or support to crime victims from \$200 per week to \$400 per week.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety  
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