

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4305-01
Bill No.: HB 1840
Subject: Victims of Crime; Funerals and Funeral Directors; Department of Public Safety
Type: Original
Date: December 29, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal allows the victim's family or next of kin to sign a notarized statement directing the funeral home to be a claimant and deal directly with the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director (DPS)** state they see no fiscal impact due to this legislation.

Oversight notes that according to information supplied by the DPS, the maximum amount of funeral expenses that reimbursed through the Crime Victims Compensation Fund is \$5,000. For the past four years, the total payouts from the fund for funeral expenses has been:

Fiscal Year	Funeral Expenses
FY 2012	\$1,146,213
FY 2013	\$1,014,392
FY 2014	\$758,822
FY 2015	\$961,474

Source: Department of Public Safety

The balance of the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund (0681) at November 30, 2015 was \$9,837,554.

Oversight assumes the proposal would not increase the number of claimants to the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, but rather would allow funeral homes to deal directly with DPS regarding expense reimbursement. Therefore, Oversight assumes the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact to the fund. A notarized statement is required to be signed by the claimant.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business funeral homes could be impacted by this proposal if they chose to assist their patrons by dealing directly with the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund.

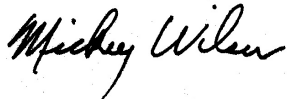
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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

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