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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4090-01
Bill No.: HB 1325
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Victims of Crime; Funerals and Funeral Directors
Type: Original
Date: December 18, 2017

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 web site regarding the program, the maximum amount of funeral expenses that may be reimbursed through the Crime Victims Compensation Fund is \$5,000. In the past, the total pay-outs from the fund for funeral expenses have been:

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

The balance of the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund (0681) at November 30, 2017 was \$8,688,118.

The maximum benefit including medical costs, wage loss, psychological counseling, funeral expenses, and support for dependent survivors is \$25,000. According to DPS budget submissions, the number of new Crime Victims Compensation claims was 1,539 in 2015, 1,725 in 2016, and 1,825 in 2017.

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.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** and the **Department of Transportation** also assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2019
(10 Mo.)

FY 2020

FY 2021

\$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

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

Department of Public Safety
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