



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6703

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT CONCERNING VICTIM COMPENSATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 54-211 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (f) Compensation shall be awarded pursuant to sections 54-201 to
5 54-233, inclusive, for bodily injury or death resulting from a crime
6 which occurs (1) within this state, regardless of the residency of the
7 applicant; (2) outside this state but within the territorial boundaries of
8 the United States, provided the victim, at the time of injury or death,
9 was a resident of this state and the state in which such crime occurred
10 does not have a program for compensation of victims for which such
11 victim is eligible; [and] or (3) outside the territorial boundaries of the
12 United States, provided the applicant is (A) a victim of international
13 terrorism, as defined in Section 2331 of Title 18 of the United States
14 Code, and the victim was a resident of this state at the time of injury or
15 death, or (B) a victim of a crime in a country that does not have a
16 victim compensation program for which the victim is eligible, and the
17 victim was a resident of this state at the time of injury or death.

18 Sec. 2. Section 54-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

20 (a) The Office of Victim Services shall establish a Criminal Injuries
21 Compensation Fund for the purpose of funding the compensation and
22 restitution services provided for by sections 54-201 to 54-233, inclusive,
23 as amended by this act. The fund may contain any moneys required by
24 law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer
25 separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. The
26 interest derived from the investment of the fund shall be credited to
27 the fund. [Amounts] Moneys in the fund may be expended [only
28 pursuant to appropriation by the General Assembly] for the purposes
29 set forth in this section. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end
30 of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year
31 next succeeding.

32 (b) The cost paid into court under section 54-143 shall be deposited
33 in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the
34 Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Any restitution collected by the
35 Court Support Services Division pursuant to section 46b-140, 53a-30 or
36 54-56e which is not disbursed within five years after the date such
37 restitution is collected, because the victim could not be located, shall be
38 deposited in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Any restitution
39 collected pursuant to section 46b-140 or 54-56e on or before May 8,
40 1997, that has not been disbursed as of October 1, 2003, shall be
41 deposited in the fund. If payment is awarded under section 54-210 and
42 thereafter the court orders the defendant in the criminal case from
43 which such injury or death resulted to make restitution, any money
44 collected as restitution shall be paid to the fund unless the court directs
45 otherwise. The Office of Victim Services may apply for and receive
46 moneys for the fund from any federal, state or private source.

47 (c) Any administrative costs related to the operation of the Criminal
48 Injuries Compensation Fund, including credits to and payments of
49 compensation therefrom, shall be paid from the fund. Administrative
50 costs of providing direct services, the proportionate share of any fixed
51 costs associated with such services, the costs of providing direct
52 services to victims and witnesses of crimes in accordance with
53 subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 54-203, and any services

54 offered by the Office of Victim Services to witnesses and victims of
55 crime may be budgeted for payment from the fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	54-211(f)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	54-215

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, "or" was inserted for proper form.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*