

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3467/2	Introduction Number	SB-396	Estimate Type	Original
Description Awards for the victims of crimes and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Justice (DOJ), provides compensation for a person who is the victim of a crime or a close relative of a victim of a crime. Victims may receive compensation for certain losses he or she suffers as a result of the crime, including payment for medical treatment, replacement of lost or damaged property, and certain economic losses, including loss of income that occurs as a result of the crime. Currently, a victim may apply for an award within one year after the crime occurs as long as the crime was reported within five days after the crime occurred.

This bill would allow DOJ to close its accounts relating to any victim to whom DOJ has granted a compensation award if four years has passed from the date on which the department last made a payment to or on behalf of the victim and DOJ determines, after consulting with the victim, that no further payments or services are warranted.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) operates the office of victim services whose primary mission is to address the needs of crime victims and their families by providing information and resources on victim's rights, helping them sign up for victim notification services and a variety of other services. Since appropriation 20.455. (5) (b) is a DOJ appropriation, the DOC does not have access to any information in regards to claims made against the crime victim compensation fund and does not issue any other forms of compensation for crime victims.

The DOC foresees no fiscal impact to the Office of Victim Services (OVS) to DOC since the Department has no access to any claims information within the crime victim compensation fund.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications