

SENATE BILL No. 86

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-6-12; IC 5-2-6-14.

Synopsis: Crime victim notification. Requires the attorney general to provide a statewide victim notification system. Authorizes the attorney general to apply for funds from the victim and witness assistance fund to operate the program. Adds the attorney general to the list of agencies to which the Indiana criminal justice institute may grant money from the victim and witness assistance fund for use by the attorney general in establishing a statewide victim notification system.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 8, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-6-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1998]:

4 **Chapter 12. Statewide Victim Notification**
5 **Sec. 1. The attorney general shall establish a statewide victim**
6 **notification system to provide notification to a crime victim of the**
7 **release from imprisonment of the offender sentenced for the crime**
8 **against the victim.**

9 **Sec. 2. The attorney general may apply for funds from the**
10 **victim and witness assistance fund under IC 5-2-6-14 to be used in**
11 **establishing and maintaining a statewide victim notification**
12 **system.**

13 **Sec. 3. The attorney general may enter into a contract for the**
14 **provision of services relating to the statewide victim notification**
15 **system established under this chapter.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 5-2-6-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-1994,
17 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 14. (a) The victim and witness assistance fund is
 2 established. The institute shall administer the fund. Except as provided
 3 in subsection (e), expenditures from the fund may be made only in
 4 accordance with appropriations made by the general assembly.

5 (b) The source of the victim and witness assistance fund is the
 6 family violence and victim assistance fund established by IC 12-18-5-2.

7 (c) The institute may use money from the victim and witness
 8 assistance fund when awarding a grant or entering into a contract under
 9 this chapter, if the money is used for the support of a program:

10 (1) in the office of a prosecuting attorney, or in a state or local
 11 law enforcement agency designed to:

12 ~~(1)~~ (A) help evaluate the physical, emotional, and
 13 personal needs of a victim resulting from a crime, and
 14 counsel or refer the victim to those agencies or persons
 15 in the community that can provide the services needed;

16 ~~(2)~~ (B) provide transportation for victims and
 17 witnesses of crime to attend proceedings in the case
 18 when necessary; or

19 ~~(3)~~ (C) provide other services to victims or witnesses
 20 of crime when necessary to enable them to participate
 21 in criminal proceedings without undue hardship or
 22 trauma; or

23 **(2) in the office of the attorney general designed to provide**
 24 **a statewide victim notification system.**

25 (d) Money in the victim and witness assistance fund at the end of
 26 a particular fiscal year does not revert to the general fund.

27 (e) The institute may use money in the fund to:

28 (1) pay the costs of administering the fund, including
 29 expenditures for personnel and data;

30 (2) establish and maintain the sex offender registry under
 31 IC 5-2-12; and

32 (3) provide training for persons to assist victims.

