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SENATE/HOUSE FILE
BY (PROPOSED ATTORNEY GENERAL
BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the victim rights compensation fund.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 915.94, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 915.94 VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND.

4 A victim compensation fund is established as a separate
5 fund in the state treasury. Moneys deposited in the fund
6 shall be administered by the department and dedicated to and
7 used for the purposes of section 236.15, section 915.41, and
8 this subchapter, and for supporting the victim service

9 functions of the department. ~~In-addition, the department may~~
10 ~~use moneys from the fund for the purposes of section 236.15~~
11 ~~and for the award of funds to programs that provide services~~
12 ~~and support to victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault as~~
13 ~~provided in chapter 236.~~ The department may also use up to
14 one hundred thousand dollars from the fund to provide training
15 for victim service providers. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
16 any balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall
17 not revert to the general fund of the state.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill amends Code section 915.94 relating to the victim
20 compensation fund. The bill expands the authority of the
21 department of justice to allow use of moneys from the fund for
22 supporting the victim service operations of the department
23 generally. The bill further allows the department of justice
24 to use up to \$100,000 from the fund for victim service
25 provider training.

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APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE FILE 231
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 66)

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8 In addition, the department may use moneys from the fund for
9 ~~the purposes of section 236.15~~ for the purpose of the
10 department's prosecutor-based victim service coordination,
11 including, but not limited to, the duties defined in sections
12 910.3 and 910.6 and chapter 915, and for the award of funds to
13 programs that provide services and support to victims of
14 domestic abuse or sexual assault as provided in chapter 236.
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26 and victim rights duties. The bill further allows the
27 department of justice to use up to \$100,000 from the fund for
28 victim service provider training.

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**HOUSE FILE 231
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **House File 231** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 231 expands the authority of the Department of Justice to allow moneys from the Victim Compensation Fund to be used for the Department's prosecutor-based victim service coordination, including, but not limited to, the Department's restitution and victim rights duties. The Bill also permits up to \$100,000 from the Victim Compensation Fund to be used to provide training for victim service providers.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The Victim Compensation Fund has \$2.4 million in reserves.
2. The Department will have two staff designated as victim-witness coordinators.
3. The Department currently has 1.5 FTE positions dedicated as victim-witness coordinators, funded from federal funds. The Department will transfer the funding source for the 1.5 FTE positions from federal victim assistance funds to the Victim Compensation Fund.
4. The annual salary and benefit costs of a victim-witness coordinator is approximately \$40,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

House File 231 would result in additional costs to the Victim Compensation Fund of approximately \$180,000 annually. Of this amount, \$100,000 may be used for training victim service providers, while \$80,000 will be used to fund two victim-witness coordinators.

SOURCE

Iowa Department of Justice

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