

Amendment to HB 705-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the rights of victims of crime, increasing the cap on assistance for victims
4 of crime, and establishing a committee to study the needs of crime victims and
5 enforcement of statutes governing crime victims' rights.
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7 Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following new section and renumbering the
8 original sections 1-11 to read as 2-12, respectively:
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10 1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Crime Victims' Rights Enhancement Act of 2020.
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12 Amend the bill by replacing section 8 with the following:
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14 8 Committee on the Needs of Victims of Crime and the Enforcement of Crime Victims' Rights
15 Established.

16 I. There is established a committee on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of
17 crime victims rights. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

18 (a) Five members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
19 of representatives.

20 (b) Two member of the senate, appointed by the senate president.

21 II. The committee shall:

22 (a) Review the needs and services for victims of crime, and provide recommendations
23 concerning addressing needs and enhancing services for victims of crime.

24 (b) Review the existing mechanisms and resources for the enforcement of the rights of
25 victims of crimes and provide recommendations on enhancing enforcement of the rights of victims'
26 rights.

27 (c) Solicit testimony and input from the victims of crime and members of the general
28 public.

29 (d) Study other matters related to the needs of victims of crime as the committee may
30 determine.

31 III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending
32 to the duties of the committee. The members of the committee shall elect a chairperson from among
33 the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first named house member.

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1 The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
2 Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

3 IV. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
4 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
5 clerk, the senate house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:

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9 11 Effective Date.

10 I. Sections 2-7 and sections 9-10 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

11 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the maximum recovery for crime victims from the victims' compensation fund; establishes confidentiality procedures for information used to support restitution to the victims' compensation fund; expands the offenses covered by the crime victims' bill of rights; expands the rights available to crime victims; requires the department of justice to develop a crime victims' rights card and establish professional guidelines for victims' assistance providers; and establishes a committee on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of crime victims' rights.