

House Bill 2130

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Removes limitation on proportion of Criminal Fine and Assessment Account appropriation that Criminal Injuries Compensation Account may disburse to county or city comprehensive victims' assistance programs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Criminal Injuries Compensation Account; amending ORS 147.227; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 147.227, as amended by section 7, chapter 700, Oregon Laws 2005, is amended
6 to read:

7 147.227. (1) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall disburse [*up to one-*
8 *half of the*] **a portion of the** moneys that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account receives from
9 the Criminal Fine and Assessment Account to counties and cities where prosecuting attorneys
10 maintain comprehensive victims' assistance programs approved by the Attorney General or the At-
11 torney General's designee. Those counties and cities shall provide the moneys to the prosecuting
12 attorney therein to be used exclusively for the comprehensive victims' assistance program. Pursuant
13 to consultation with a three member advisory committee, which the Attorney General shall establish
14 administratively, and which shall consist of a representative from the Attorney General's Office, the
15 Oregon District Attorneys Association and a prosecutor's victim assistance program, the Attorney
16 General shall adopt rules for equitable distribution of these moneys among participating counties
17 and cities.

18 (2) To qualify for approval under this section, a comprehensive victims' assistance program
19 [*shall*] **may** not restrict services only to victims or witnesses of a particular type of crime, but shall
20 provide services to victims and witnesses generally. The program must also, in the determination
21 of the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee, substantially accomplish the following:

22 (a) Provide comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crime with particular
23 emphasis on serious crimes against persons and property, including, but not limited to:

24 (A) Informing victims and witnesses of their case status and progress;

25 (B) Performing advocate duties for victims within the criminal justice system;

26 (C) Assisting victims in recovering property damaged or stolen and in obtaining restitution or
27 compensation for medical and other expenses incurred as a result of the criminal act;

28 (D) Preparing victims for pending court hearings by informing them of procedures involved;

29 (E) Accompanying victims to court hearings;

30 (F) Involving victims, when possible, in the decision-making process in the criminal justice sys-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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2 (G) Assisting victims in obtaining the return of property held as evidence;

3 (H) Assisting victims with personal logistical problems related to court appearances; and

4 (I) Developing community resources to assist victims of crime;

5 (b) Be administered by the district attorney of the county or city attorney of the city;

6 (c) Assist victims of crimes in the preparation and presentation of claims against the Criminal
7 Injuries Compensation Account; and

8 (d) Generally encourage and facilitate testimony by victims of and witnesses to criminal conduct.

9 (3) If a proposed victims' assistance program, although not substantially comprising all elements
10 described in subsection (2) of this section, nevertheless comprises a significant portion thereof and
11 if, in the determination of the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee thereof, it would
12 not be practicable at the current time for the district attorney or city attorney to establish a more
13 comprehensive program, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee thereof may
14 qualify the program under this section on a temporary basis and subject to such conditions as the
15 Attorney General or the designee shall impose upon the program.

16 **SECTION 2. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
18 **July 1, 2007.**

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