



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: HB 2676

Only impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official

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### SUMMARY

Modifies Department of Justice crime victim compensation program. Expands definition of "compensable crime." Provides that law enforcement notification of commission of crime must occur within reasonable time. Provides that law enforcement notification requirement is satisfied if victim took other specified actions. Authorizes compensation for counseling expenses for witness to death of victim and increases maximum counseling benefit for friend or acquaintance of deceased victim. Provides that medication prescribed in conjunction with counseling expenses is compensable. Authorizes compensation for lost wages for parents of minor victim. Authorizes compensation for cleaning expenses related to death of person. Increases maximum funeral expense benefit. Provides that claims associated with review of assailant's case or hearing on assailant's release do not expire.

Repeals provisions directing department not to process compensation application if victim owes financial obligation associated with prior criminal conviction.

Provides that information submitted to department by applicant is confidential.

Eliminates provisions directing department to notify district attorney when compensation claim is filed and defer compensation if prosecution is pending.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure all information submitted to the Department of Justice by an applicant under the department's crime victim compensation program.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public might be able to receive information submitted to the department by applicants seeking payment under the department's crime victim compensation program.