

## CHAPTER 17

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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## HOUSE BILL 08-1112

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also SENATOR(S) Boyd, Gibbs, Isgar, Shaffer, and Tapia.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
FUND MONEYS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** The introductory portion to 24-33.5-506 (1) and 24-33.5-506 (1) (b) and (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 24-33.5-506 (1) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

**24-33.5-506. Victims assistance and law enforcement fund - creation.**

(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be known as the victims assistance and law enforcement fund, referred to in THIS SECTION AND sections ~~24-33.5-506 to~~ 24-33.5-507 AND 24-33.5-508 as the "fund". The state treasurer shall credit to ~~this~~ THE fund all moneys deposited with the state treasurer pursuant to section 24-4.2-105 (1) and voluntary victim assistance payments from inmates pursuant to article 24 of title 17, C.R.S. The general assembly shall make annual appropriations of the moneys in ~~such~~ THE fund to the division:

(b) ~~For allocation to criminal justice agencies in the department of public safety to help implement and coordinate statewide victim services, to victims and witnesses assistance and law enforcement boards created pursuant to article 4.2 of this title, to organizations whose primary purpose is to address issues related to crime victims to help implement and coordinate statewide or multijurisdictional victim programs and services, and to other Colorado state criminal justice agencies to help implement the requirements of the state constitution relating to the rights of crime victims and any enabling legislation relating to such constitutional provision;~~ **and FOR DISTRIBUTION AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD, CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-508 AND REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) AS THE**

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

"ADVISORY BOARD", TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPLEMENT AND COORDINATE STATEWIDE VICTIM SERVICES. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE AMOUNT OF MONEYS DISTRIBUTED BY THE DIVISION TO EACH AGENCY EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THE TOTAL OF THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE AGENCY IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR MINUS ANY MONEYS BUDGETED FOR ONE-TIME PROJECTS OR EVALUATIONS AND MINUS ANY ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEYS THAT THE AGENCY RECEIVED THROUGH THE GRANT PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-507.

(c) For allocation to the department of law for the position of victims' services coordinator created pursuant to section 24-31-106. THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (c) MAY BE INCREASED BY UP TO FIVE PERCENT ANNUALLY.

(d) FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE DIVISION, BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD, THROUGH THE AWARDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-507 TO THE STATE AGENCIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPHS (b) AND (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), TO OTHER COLORADO STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES TO HELP IMPLEMENT CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS, AND TO ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO CRIME VICTIMS TO HELP IMPLEMENT AND COORDINATE STATEWIDE OR MULTIJURISDICTIONAL VICTIM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

**SECTION 2.** 24-33.5-507 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**24-33.5-507. Application for grants - disbursements from fund - rules.**

(1) The division shall accept ~~and evaluate~~ applications from ~~the criminal justice agencies AND ORGANIZATIONS~~ specified in section 24-33.5-506 (1) requesting grants of ~~funds~~ MONEYS for the following purposes, including, but not limited to, purchase of equipment, training programs, additional personnel, and operating expenses related to victim assistance and notification programs. THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-508 SHALL EVALUATE THE APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIVISION.

**SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 13, 2008