

## CHAPTER 360

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**HOUSE BILL 13-1241**

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also SENATOR(S) Guzman and King, Aguilar, Carroll, Giron, Heath, Hudak, Jahn, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Newell, Nicholson, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING A STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-515 as follows:

**24-33.5-515. Statewide automated victim information and notification system - legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(a) THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFERED GRANTS TO HELP ESTABLISH STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS;

(b) A COLORADO STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SHERIFFS APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED GRANTS TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AND RECENTLY RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL GRANT TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM;

(c) THE SYSTEM ALLOWS CRIME VICTIMS AND OTHER CONCERNED CITIZENS TO ACCESS TIMELY AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMINAL CASES AND THE CUSTODY STATUS OF OFFENDERS TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY OVER THE TELEPHONE, THROUGH THE INTERNET, OR BY ELECTRONIC MAIL;

(d) THE SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY COUNTY THAT WISHES TO PARTICIPATE AND ALSO INCLUDES THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS;

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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.*

(e) ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL GRANTS WERE SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THE SYSTEM, THERE IS NO FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE ONGOING EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE SYSTEM; AND

(f) THE DIVISION IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDING FOR THE SYSTEM AND TO MONITOR ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DIVISION MONEYS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. THE DIVISION MUST DISTRIBUTE MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE DIVISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO BE USED BY THE COUNTY SHERIFFS, THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of public safety, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of \$434,720, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the division of criminal justice, victims assistance, for the statewide automated victim information and notification system created by this act.

(2) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act to the department of human services, division of youth corrections, institutional programs, for operating expenses, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, are adjusted as follows:

(a) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$10,000.

(b) The reappropriated funds appropriation is increased by \$10,000. Said sum is from reappropriated funds received from the department of public safety out of the appropriation made in subsection (1) of this section.

**SECTION 3. 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: May 28, 2013