

**SB0276/933822/1**

BY: Delegate Smigiel

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 276  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Repeal” insert “and Appropriation from Savings to Aid Survivors of Homicide Victims”; and in line 12, after “penalty;” insert “requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget submission for certain fiscal years a certain amount for the State Victims of Crime Fund;”.

On page 2, in line 21, strike “and 7-107(b)” and substitute “7-107(b), and 11-916”.

On page 3, after line 26, insert:

“WHEREAS, In 1988, the Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services in recognition of the unique and distinctive needs of crime victims and endeavored to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion during all phases of the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, under the authority of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the Maryland General Assembly created the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund to provide funding support for victim services, the mission of which is to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services; and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 10, after line 20, insert:

“11-916.

(a) There is a State Victims of Crime Fund.

(Over)

- (b) (1) The Fund shall be used to pay for:
- (i) carrying out Article 47 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights;
- (ii) carrying out the guidelines for the treatment and assistance for victims and witnesses of crimes and delinquent acts provided in §§ 11–1002 and 11–1003 of this title;
- (iii) carrying out any laws enacted to benefit victims and witnesses of crimes and delinquent acts; and
- (iv) supporting child advocacy centers established under § 11–923(h) of this subtitle.
- (2) The Fund may pay for the administrative costs of the Fund.
- (c) The Board shall administer the Fund.
- (d) Grants awarded by the Board shall be equitably distributed among all purposes of the Fund described in subsection (b) of this section.
- (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION \$500,000 FOR THE FUND, REDIRECTED FROM GENERAL FUND SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE REPEAL OF THE DEATH PENALTY.”**