

# SENATE BILL 148

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(3lr0333)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings/Appropriations and Judiciary —

Introduced by ~~Senator Guzzone~~ Senators Guzzone, Bailey, Benson, Carter, Corderman, Elfreth, Folden, Hettleman, Jackson, James, Jennings, King, McCray, McKay, Muse, Rosapepe, Salling, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, A. Washington, West, and Zucker

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Victim Services Programs – Supplementing Federal Funding and Support**  
3 **(Victim Services Stabilization Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of providing for the funding of certain victim services programs; requiring  
5 the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to help  
6 support certain programs providing services for victims of crime; requiring the Office  
7 to consult with certain individuals and organizations regarding the allocation of  
8 certain funding; requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the State  
9 budget; and generally relating to victim services programs.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Criminal Procedure

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Section 11–934 to be under the new part “Part V. Federal Victim Services Programs  
2 Funding Supplement”  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
6 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

8 **11–932. RESERVED.**

9 **11–933. RESERVED.**

10 **PART V. FEDERAL VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS FUNDING SUPPLEMENT.**

11 **11–934.**

12 **(A) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT,**  
13 **SUPPORT, AND CONTINUITY OF VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE**  
14 **TRAUMA–INFORMED, HIGH–QUALITY SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO**  
15 **STABILIZE FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS BY**  
16 **SUPPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS WHEN**  
17 **FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUNDING FLUCTUATES.**

18 **(B) (1) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**  
19 **VICTIM SERVICES SHALL HELP SUPPORT PROGRAMS PROVIDING SERVICES FOR**  
20 **VICTIMS OF CRIME THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

21 **(2) THE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND**  
22 **LOCATED TO FACILITATE THEIR USE BY ALLEGED VICTIMS RESIDING IN**  
23 **SURROUNDING AREAS.**

24 **(C) (1) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**  
25 **VICTIM SERVICES MAY AWARD GRANTS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT**  
26 **ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE THE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

27 **(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
28 **THE PROGRAMS SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CRIME AS AUTHORIZED**  
29 **BY THE FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND RELATED REGULATIONS.**

30 **(3) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**  
31 **VICTIM SERVICES:**

1 (I) MAY NOT REQUIRE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS TO  
2 PROVIDE A MATCH FOR STATE FUNDS EXPENDED; AND

3 ~~(H) SHALL ENSURE THAT STATE FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS~~  
4 ~~SECTION MAY BE USED AS A MATCH FOR FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUNDS.~~

5 (II) SHALL ENSURE THAT STATE FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS  
6 SECTION:

7 1. ARE ADMINISTERED IN A UNIFIED PROCESS WITH  
8 FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUNDS, WITH SEPARATE FINANCIAL REPORTING  
9 AS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS;

10 2. MAY BE USED AS A MATCH FOR FEDERAL VICTIMS OF  
11 CRIME ACT FUNDS; AND

12 3. MAY NOT BE USED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS OR  
13 CAPITAL PROGRAMMING OF ANY KIND.

14 (D) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND  
15 VICTIM SERVICES SHALL REGULARLY CONSULT, COLLABORATE WITH, AND  
16 CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM:

17 (1) THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED STATE SEXUAL ASSAULT  
18 COALITION;

19 (2) THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
20 COALITION;

21 (3) THE STATE ALLIANCE OF CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS;

22 (4) STATE'S ATTORNEYS' OFFICES;

23 (5) HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ASSISTING VICTIMS OF CRIME;

24 (6) CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING VICTIMS OF  
25 CRIME; AND

26 (7) REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO  
27 SURVIVORS OF CHILD ABUSE, ELDER ABUSE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, HOMICIDE, OR  
28 OTHER VICTIMS OF CRIME.

29 (E) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND  
30 VICTIM SERVICES SHALL PRIORITIZE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY OF CRIME VICTIM

1 SERVICES AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING IN EVERY JURISDICTION IN  
2 THE STATE.

3 (F) (1) MONEY FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS SHALL BE AS  
4 PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AND SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT,  
5 BUT NOT SUPPLANT, MONEY THAT THE PROGRAMS RECEIVE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

6 (2) IN EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
7 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION THAT, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNT  
8 RECEIVED UNDER THE FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT IN THE PRIOR YEAR,  
9 TOTALS AN AGGREGATE \$60,000,000 FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS  
10 FUNDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

11 (G) ~~THE~~ ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE  
12 DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND  
13 VICTIM SERVICES SHALL ~~INCLUDE~~ SUBMIT A REPORT ON ~~THE VICTIM SERVICES~~  
14 ~~PROGRAMS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF~~  
15 ~~CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES~~ ALL VICTIM SERVICES  
16 PROGRAMS AND GRANTEES AND FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE  
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
18 ARTICLE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.