

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6602

A bill to amend 1976 PA 223, entitled

"An act to create an agency concerned with crime victim services; to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide compensation to certain victims of crimes; to provide for the promulgation of rules; and to provide for penalties,"

by amending sections 2, 4, 5, 10, and 11 (MCL 18.352, 18.354, 18.355, 18.360, and 18.361), as amended by 1996 PA 519.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2. (1) The crime victims compensation board formerly  
2       created within the department of management and budget under this  
3       section is renamed the crime victim services commission, which  
4       shall continue as the successor agency of the board in all respects  
5       and for all purposes. Office budget development, procurement, and  
6       related management functions shall be performed by the department  
7       of ~~management and budget~~ **COMMUNITY HEALTH**.

8       (2) Members of the crime victims compensation board shall

1 continue in office as commission members for their unexpired terms.  
2 The commission shall consist of 5 members as follows, of whom not  
3 more than 3 shall belong to the same political party and who shall  
4 be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the  
5 senate:

6 (a) One member admitted to the practice of law in this state  
7 for not less than 5 years immediately preceding his or her  
8 appointment.

9 (b) One member who is a county prosecuting attorney.

10 (c) One member who is a peace officer.

11 (d) One member who is a member of the medical profession.

12 (e) One member who is a community-based victim advocate.

13 (3) A member's term of office shall be 3 years, except that of  
14 the 2 members appointed to satisfy the expanded membership  
15 requirement created by ~~the 1996 amendatory act that amended this~~  
16 ~~section~~ **1996 PA 519**, 1 shall be appointed to serve an initial term  
17 of 2 years and the other shall be appointed to serve an initial  
18 term of 3 years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring  
19 otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the  
20 remainder of the unexpired term.

21 (4) The governor shall designate 1 commission member to serve  
22 as chairperson at the governor's pleasure.

23 (5) The commission members shall be paid on a per diem basis  
24 as determined by the legislature.

25 Sec. 4. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the  
26 following persons are eligible for awards:

27 (a) A victim or an intervenor of a crime.

1 (b) A surviving spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling,  
2 or grandchild of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of  
3 the crime.

4 ~~(c) Any other person dependent for his or her principal~~  
5 ~~support upon a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of the~~  
6 ~~crime.~~ **A SURVIVING PERSON RELATED TO THE VICTIM BY BLOOD OR**  
7 **AFFINITY, A GUARDIAN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, OR MEMBER OF THE**  
8 **SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE VICTIM.**

9 **(D) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SEEKING PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 5A.**

10 (2) A person is not eligible to receive an award if the person  
11 is either of the following:

12 (a) Criminally responsible for the crime.

13 (b) An accomplice to the crime.

14 (3) An award shall not be made on a claim unless the claimant  
15 has incurred a minimum out-of-pocket loss of \$200.00 or has lost at  
16 least 2 continuous weeks' earnings or support, but the commission  
17 may waive the limitations of this subsection in the case of a  
18 claimant retired by reason of age or disability. If the claimant is  
19 a victim of criminal sexual conduct in the first, second, or third  
20 degree, the commission may waive the limitations of this  
21 subsection. **THE COMMISSION SHALL WAIVE THIS LIMITATION FOR HEALTH**  
22 **CARE PROVIDERS SEEKING PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 5A.**

23 Sec. 5. (1) A claim may be filed by the person eligible to  
24 receive an award or, if a person is a minor, by his or her parent  
25 or guardian.

26 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a claim shall be  
27 filed by the claimant not later than 1 year after the occurrence of

1 the crime upon which the claim is based, except as follows:

2 (a) If police records show that a victim of criminal sexual  
3 conduct in the first, second, or third degree was less than 18  
4 years of age at the time of the occurrence and that the victim  
5 reported the crime before attaining 19 years of age, a claim based  
6 on that crime may be filed **BY A PERSON LISTED IN SECTION 4(1)(A),**  
7 **(B), OR (C)** not later than 1 year after the crime was reported.

8 (b) A claim may be filed within 1 year after the discovery by  
9 a law enforcement agency that injuries previously determined to be  
10 accidental, of unknown origin, or resulting from natural causes,  
11 were incurred as the result of a crime.

12 (3) Upon petition by the claimant and for good cause shown,  
13 the commission may extend the period in which a claim may be filed  
14 under subsection (2).

15 (4) A claim shall be filed in the commission's office in  
16 person or by mail. The commission shall accept for filing a claim  
17 that is submitted by a person who is eligible and which alleges the  
18 jurisdictional requirements set forth in this act and meets the  
19 requirements as to form as approved by the commission.

20 (5) Upon filing of a claim **BY A PERSON LISTED IN SECTION**  
21 **4(1)(A), (B), OR (C)**, the commission shall promptly notify the  
22 prosecuting attorney of the county in which the crime is alleged to  
23 have occurred. If, within 20 days after the notification, the  
24 prosecuting attorney advises the commission that a criminal  
25 prosecution is pending upon the same alleged crime and requests  
26 that action by the commission be deferred, the commission shall  
27 defer the proceedings until the criminal prosecution is concluded.

1 When the criminal prosecution is concluded, the prosecuting  
2 attorney shall promptly notify the commission. This section does  
3 not prohibit the commission from granting emergency awards pursuant  
4 to section 9 **OR FROM PAYING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER UNDER SECTION**  
5 **5A.**

6 Sec. 10. An award shall not be made unless the investigation  
7 of the claim verifies the following facts:

8 (a) A crime was committed.

9 (b) The crime directly resulted in personal physical injury  
10 to, or death of, the victim.

11 (c) Police records show that the crime was reported promptly  
12 to the proper authorities. An award ~~may~~**SHALL** not be made ~~where~~**IF**  
13 the police records show that the report was made more than 48 hours  
14 after the occurrence of the crime unless ~~either~~**ANY** of the  
15 following **CIRCUMSTANCES** apply:

16 (i) The crime was criminal sexual conduct committed against a  
17 victim who was less than 18 years of age at the time of the  
18 occurrence and the crime was reported before the victim attained 19  
19 years of age.

20 (ii) The commission, for good cause shown, finds the delay was  
21 justified.

22 **(iii) THE COMMISSION IS MAKING A PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 5A.**

23 (d) That the crime did not occur while the victim was confined  
24 in a federal, state, or local correctional facility.

25 Sec. 11. (1) ~~An~~**EXCEPT FOR A CLAIM UNDER SECTION 5A, AN** award  
26 made under this act shall be an amount not more than an out-of-  
27 pocket loss, including indebtedness reasonably incurred for medical

1 or other services necessary as a result of the injury upon which  
2 the claim is based, together with loss of earnings or support  
3 resulting from the injury. The aggregate award under this act shall  
4 not exceed \$15,000.00 per claimant.

5 (2) Unless reduced under this act, an award made for loss of  
6 earnings or support shall be in an amount equal to the actual loss  
7 sustained. An award shall not exceed \$200.00 for each week of lost  
8 earnings or support.

9 (3) An award made for funeral expenses, including burial  
10 expenses and grief counseling, shall be not less than \$200.00 or  
11 more than \$2,000.00 for each victim. The award may include not more  
12 than \$500.00 to reimburse expenses for grief counseling for the  
13 victim's spouse, child, parent, or sibling.

14 (4) An award for psychological counseling shall not exceed 26  
15 hourly sessions per victim or intervenor. The award may include not  
16 more than 8 family sessions that include any of the victim's or  
17 intervenor's spouse, children, parents, or siblings who are not  
18 criminally responsible for or an accomplice to the crime. The  
19 maximum hourly reimbursement rate shall not exceed \$80.00 per  
20 hourly session for a therapist or counselor licensed or registered  
21 to practice in this state, except that the maximum hourly  
22 reimbursement rate shall not exceed \$95.00 per hourly session for a  
23 psychologist or physician licensed to practice in this state.

24 (5) An award shall be reduced by the amount of 1 or more of  
25 the following payments received or to be received as a result of  
26 the injury:

27 (a) From or on behalf of the person who committed the crime.

1 (b) From insurance, but not including disability or death  
2 benefits paid or to be paid to a peace officer or a corrections  
3 officer on account of injuries sustained in the course of  
4 employment.

5 (c) From public funds, but not including disability or death  
6 benefits paid or to be paid to a peace officer or a corrections  
7 officer on account of injuries sustained in the course of  
8 employment.

9 (d) From an emergency award under section 9.

10 (6) ~~The~~ **IN MAKING A DETERMINATION ON A CLAIM FILED BY A PERSON**  
11 **LISTED IN SECTION 4(1)(A), (B), OR (C), THE** commission shall  
12 determine whether the victim's misconduct contributed to his or her  
13 injury and shall reduce the amount of the award or reject the claim  
14 altogether, in accordance with the determination. The commission  
15 may disregard for this purpose the victim's responsibility for his  
16 or her own injury if the record shows that the injury was  
17 attributable to the victim's efforts to prevent a crime or an  
18 attempted crime from occurring in his or her presence or to  
19 apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his or her  
20 presence. As used in this subsection, "misconduct" includes but is  
21 not limited to provocation of or participation in a crime  
22 contemporaneous with or immediately preceding the injury.

23 (7) ~~If~~ **EXCEPT FOR A CLAIM UNDER SECTION 5A, IF** the commission  
24 finds that the claimant will not suffer serious financial hardship  
25 as a result of the loss of earnings or support and the out-of-  
26 pocket expenses incurred as a result of the injury if he or she is  
27 not granted financial assistance, the commission shall deny the

1 award. In determining the serious financial hardship, the  
2 commission shall consider all of the financial resources of the  
3 claimant.

4 (8) If the commission determines that the payment of an award  
5 will cause substantial unjust enrichment and economic benefit to a  
6 person criminally responsible for the crime, the commission shall  
7 deny the payment.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
9 unless Senate Bill No. 1629 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into  
10 law.