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appropriations; crime victim notification fund.

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HOUSE BILL 2482

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-180, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES;
RELATING TO CRIME VICTIMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 41-180. Law enforcement crime victim notification fund;
5 software; vendor requirement; reimbursement
6 A. The law enforcement crime victim notification fund is
7 established consisting of legislative appropriations. The state treasurer
8 shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are subject to legislative
9 appropriation and may be used by law enforcement agencies in this state to
10 fund software that does the following:
11 1. Enables the ~~county and or city based~~ COUNTY OR CITY, OR BOTH, OR
12 TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT BASED
13 deployment of an automated crime victim notification system to a user base
14 consisting of law enforcement agencies. The automated crime victim
15 notification system must do the following:
16 (a) Automatically, and without the requirement to download a
17 software application or to opt in to notifications, notify the victim by
18 email or text of all of the following regarding a victim's law enforcement
19 crime report, investigation and case:
20 (i) The date on which the report is filed.
21 (ii) The case number.
22 (iii) The name of the detective who is assigned to the case.
23 (iv) When arrests are made.
24 (v) When warrants are issued.
25 (vi) When the case is sent to the prosecuting agency.
26 (vii) Initial appearance.
27 (b) Interface with the law enforcement agency's system of record.
28 (c) Provide configurable triggers to send messages to crime
29 victims.
30 (d) Provide the ability to attach informational brochures or other
31 electronic attachments to the messages.
32 (e) Provide the ability for victims to find their case status on
33 the agency's website.
34 (f) Be configurable to the requirements of each county and or city
35 in this state.
36 (g) Include county, city or town branding, county, city or town
37 email addresses and web domains for all communications.
38 (h) Provide the ability to send messages in multiple languages.
39 (i) Provide a short code or a long code telephone number with a
40 local area code.
41 (j) Monitor the number of messages sent and the types of messages
42 sent and visualize the data.

1 2. Provides a criminal justice information service compliant
2 automated victim notification platform that ensures the following:

3 (a) Crime victims are automatically notified by text and email
4 following any updates to their case.

5 (b) Law enforcement agencies determine the notifications.

6 (c) Crime victims are able to proactively locate their case status
7 online.

8 (d) No additional staffing is required.

9 3. PROVIDES FOR MULTIAGENCY NOTIFICATION TO ENABLE AN AGENCY TO
10 AUTOMATICALLY SHARE THE STATUS OF AN INCIDENT OR INVESTIGATION WITH AN
11 IDENTIFIED PARTNER AGENCY BASED ON CONFIGURABLE CRITERIA.

12 4. PROVIDES THE CAPABILITY TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO LEVERAGE
13 CONVERSATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR BIDIRECTIONAL REAL-TIME
14 COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZENS THROUGH VOICE, TEXT MESSAGES AND EMAILS. THE
15 SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE A VIRTUAL AGENT THAT RESPONDS AND ASKS QUESTIONS
16 BASED ON THE CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES.

17 B. A vendor of any software that is described in subsection A of
18 this section must have previously deployed a solution for a city police
19 department, sheriff's office and prosecutor's office. The previously
20 deployed solutions could have been deployed in Arizona or in another
21 state, or a combination of both.

22 C. Law enforcement agencies that implement software meeting the
23 requirements of this section may submit to the state treasurer a request
24 for ~~reimbursement of~~ A GRANT FOR the software costs. ~~The state treasurer~~
25 ~~shall reimburse valid claims for reimbursement on a first-come, first-~~
26 ~~served basis.~~

27 D. A COUNTY OR CITY MAY APPLY FOR FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
28 FOR THREE YEARS.

29 Sec. 2. Appropriations; law enforcement crime victim
30 notification fund; state treasurer; exemption

31 A. The sum of \$7,600,000 is appropriated from the state general
32 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the law enforcement crime victim
33 notification fund established by section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes,
34 as amended by this act, and is appropriated from the law enforcement crime
35 victim notification fund to the state treasurer to be used for the
36 purposes prescribed in section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
37 amended by this act, for use in fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

38 B. The sum of \$400,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
39 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the state treasurer to evaluate, certify and
40 pay for any costs associated with the law enforcement crime victim
41 notification fund established by section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes,
42 as amended by this act, for use in fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

43 C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section
44 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised
45 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

