

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~appropriations; crime victim notification fund.~~
(now: sexual assault kits; victim notification)

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HOUSE BILL 2482

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERRING AND RENUMBERING; AMENDING SECTION 41-2414,
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS TRANSFERRED AND RENUMBERED; 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 transferred
3 and renumbered for placement in title 41, chapter 21, article 1, Arizona
4 Revised Statutes, as section 41-2414 and, as so renumbered, is amended to
5 read:

6 41-2414. Law enforcement crime victim notification fund;
7 software; vendor requirement; reimbursement;
8 definition

9 A. The law enforcement crime victim notification fund is
10 established consisting of legislative appropriations. The ~~state treasurer~~
11 ~~ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION~~ shall administer the fund. Monies in
12 the fund are ~~subject to legislative appropriation and may be used by law~~
13 ~~enforcement agencies in this state to~~ CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.
14 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
15 SHALL USE FUND MONIES TO EXPAND THE COMMISSION'S AUTOMATED CRIME VICTIM
16 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AND TO fund software that does the following:

17 1. COMPLIES WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 18 (a) ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.1, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA.
- 19 (b) TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 7.
- 20 (c) TITLE 13, CHAPTER 40.

21 ~~1.~~ 2. Enables the ~~county and or city based deployment of~~ ARIZONA
22 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION TO DEPLOY an automated crime victim
23 notification system to a user base consisting of law enforcement
24 agencies. The automated crime victim notification system must do the
25 following:

26 (a) Automatically, and without the requirement to download a
27 software application or to opt in to notifications, notify the victim by
28 email or text of all of the following regarding a victim's law enforcement
29 crime report, investigation and case, IF APPROVED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
30 AGENCY:

- 31 (i) The date on which the report is filed.
- 32 (ii) The case number.
- 33 (iii) The name of the detective who is assigned to the case.
- 34 (iv) When arrests are made.
- 35 (v) When warrants are issued.
- 36 (vi) When the case is sent to the prosecuting agency.
- 37 (vii) Initial appearance.

38 (b) Interface with the law enforcement agency's system of record.
39 (c) Provide configurable triggers to send messages to crime
40 victims.

41 (d) Provide the ability to attach informational brochures or other
42 electronic attachments to the messages.

43 (e) Provide the ability for victims to find their case status on
44 the ~~agency's~~ VENDORS' WEBSITES WITH LINKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE LAW
45 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S website.

- 1 (f) Be configurable to the requirements of each ~~county and or city~~
2 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY in this state.
- 3 (g) Include ~~county, city or town~~ THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S
4 branding, ~~county, city or town~~ email ~~addresses~~ ADDRESS and web ~~domains~~
5 DOMAIN for all communications.
- 6 (h) Provide the ability to send messages in multiple languages.
- 7 (i) Provide a short code or a long code telephone number with a
8 local area code.
- 9 (j) Monitor the number of messages sent and the types of messages
10 sent and visualize the data.
- 11 ~~2.~~ 3. Provides a criminal justice information service compliant
12 automated victim notification platform that ensures the following:
- 13 (a) Crime victims are automatically notified by text, ~~and~~ AUTOMATED
14 TELEPHONE CALL OR email following any updates to their case.
- 15 (b) Law enforcement agencies determine the notifications.
- 16 (c) Crime victims are able to proactively locate their case status
17 online.
- 18 (d) No additional staffing is required.
- 19 4. PROVIDES FOR MULTIAGENCY NOTIFICATION TO ENABLE AN AGENCY TO
20 AUTOMATICALLY SHARE THE STATUS OF AN INCIDENT OR INVESTIGATION WITH AN
21 IDENTIFIED PARTNER AGENCY BASED ON CONFIGURABLE CRITERIA.
- 22 5. ALLOWS VICTIMS TO LEVERAGE CONVERSATIONAL ARTIFICIAL
23 INTELLIGENCE FOR BIDIRECTIONAL REAL-TIME COMMUNICATION WITH LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH VOICE, TEXT MESSAGES AND EMAILS. THE SYSTEM
25 SHALL PROVIDE A VIRTUAL AGENT THAT RESPONDS TO AND ASKS QUESTIONS BASED ON
26 THE VICTIM'S QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES.
- 27 6. PROVIDES A MECHANISM TO TRACK WHETHER THERE IS A DATA OUTAGE AT
28 A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND INFORMS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE
29 ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION OF THE DATA OUTAGE. DURING AN OUTAGE
30 PERIOD, THE SOFTWARE SYSTEM SHALL HAVE A BACKUP PROCESS FOR LAW
31 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE THAT NOTIFICATIONS ARE MADE IN A TIMELY AND
32 ACCURATE MANNER.
- 33 7. COMPLIES WITH THE TECHNICAL GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR THE
34 OPERATION OF A STATEWIDE AUTOMATED CRIME VICTIM INFORMATION AND
35 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
36 JUSTICE'S BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE.
- 37 8. PROVIDES A DESIGNATED STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE NUMBER THAT IS
38 AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, THAT IS OPERATED BY
39 TRAINED OPERATORS AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES AND THAT ALLOWS VICTIMS,
40 SURVIVING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, WITNESSES AND OTHER CONCERNED CITIZENS
41 TO SEARCH FOR AND OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT AN OFFENDER, INMATE OR CASE AND
42 TO REGISTER FOR NOTIFICATIONS.

1 B. ~~A vendor of any software that is described in subsection A of~~
2 ~~this section~~ THE VENDORS CHOSEN BY THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
3 TO BE PART OF THE PARTNERSHIP must have previously deployed a solution for
4 a city police department, sheriff's office and prosecutor's office. The
5 previously deployed solutions could have been deployed in Arizona or in
6 another state, or a combination of both.

7 ~~C. Law enforcement agencies that implement software meeting the~~
8 ~~requirements of this section may submit to the state treasurer a request~~
9 ~~for reimbursement of the software costs. The state treasurer shall~~
10 ~~reimburse valid claims for reimbursement on a first-come, first-served~~
11 ~~basis.~~

12 C. THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION SHALL USE THE MONIES IN
13 THE FUND TO PAY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT CHOOSE TO USE THE
14 AUTOMATED CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.

15 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY"
16 INCLUDES A STATE, CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, TRIBAL, UNIVERSITY OR PROSECUTORIAL
17 AGENCY.

18 Sec. 2. Sexual assault kit study committee; membership;
19 duties; report; delayed repeal

20 A. The sexual assault kit study committee is established consisting
21 of the following members appointed by the speaker of the house of
22 representatives:

23 1. Five members of the house of representatives, not more than
24 three of whom are members of the same political party. The speaker of the
25 house of representatives shall designate one of these members to serve as
26 chairperson of the committee.

27 2. Two county sheriffs or their appointees.

28 3. One police chief or the police chief's appointee.

29 4. One county attorney or the county attorney's appointee.

30 5. One representative of a group that represents victims' rights.

31 B. Appointed members serve at the pleasure of the speaker of the
32 house of representatives.

33 C. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation.

34 D. The committee shall:

35 1. Meet as often as the chairperson deems necessary.

36 2. Examine the feasibility of providing crime victims with a
37 tracking system for sexual assault forensic examination kits.

38 3. On or before December 1, 2023, submit a report of its findings
39 and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives and the
40 president of the senate and provide a copy of this report to the secretary
41 of state.

42 E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2024.

