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## **SB 1244**

Introduced by  
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-180, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES;  
RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION FUND.

(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

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,  
12 BASED deployment of an automated crime victim notification system to a  
13 user base consisting of law enforcement agencies. The automated crime  
14 victim notification system must do the following:

15 (a) Automatically, and without the requirement to download a  
16 software application or to opt in to notifications, notify the victim by  
17 email or text of all of the following regarding a victim's law enforcement  
18 crime report, investigation and case:

- 19 (i) The date on which the report is filed.
- 20 (ii) The case number.
- 21 (iii) The name of the detective who is assigned to the case.
- 22 (iv) When arrests are made.
- 23 (v) When warrants are issued.
- 24 (vi) When the case is sent to the prosecuting agency.
- 25 (vii) Initial appearance.

26 (b) Interface with the law enforcement agency's system of record.

27 (c) Provide configurable triggers to send messages to crime  
28 victims.

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

31 (e) Provide the ability for victims to find their case status on  
32 the agency's website.

33 (f) Be configurable to the requirements of each county and or city  
34 in this state.

35 (g) Include county, city or town branding, county, city or town  
36 email addresses and web domains for all communications.

37 (h) Provide the ability to send messages in multiple languages.

38 (i) Provide a short code or a long code telephone number with a  
39 local area code.

40 (j) Monitor the number of messages sent and the types of messages  
41 sent and visualize the data.

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

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

1 (b) Law enforcement agencies determine the notifications.

2 (c) Crime victims are able to proactively locate their case status  
3 online.

4 (d) No additional staffing is required.

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

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

15 Sec. 2. Appropriations; law enforcement crime victim  
16 notification fund; state treasurer; exemption

17 A. The sum of \$7,600,000 is appropriated from the state general  
18 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the law enforcement crime victim  
19 notification fund established by section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
20 as amended by this act, and is appropriated from the law enforcement crime  
21 victim notification fund to the state treasurer to be used for the  
22 purposes prescribed in section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes, as  
23 amended by this act, for use in fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

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

29 C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section  
30 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised  
31 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations until from and after June  
32 30, 2025.