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appropriations; crime victim notification fund

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SENATE BILL 1244

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 (k) PROVIDE CRIME VICTIMS WITH A TRACKING SYSTEM FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT
43 FORENSIC EXAMINATION KITS. THE PROGRAM SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

44 (i) PROVIDE AN AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION ON THE STATUS AND RESULTS OF
45 THE VICTIM'S SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION KIT.

1 (ii) HAVE THE ABILITY FOR A VICTIM TO RECEIVE AN AUTOMATED UPDATE
2 THROUGH A VICTIM PORTAL WITHOUT HAVING TO REGISTER OR TO GAIN ACCESS TO
3 INFORMATION AND OTHER RESOURCES.

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

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

8 (b) Law enforcement agencies determine the notifications.

9 (c) Crime victims are able to proactively locate their case status
10 online.

11 (d) No additional staffing is required.

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

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

22 Sec. 2. Appropriations; law enforcement crime victim
23 notification fund; state treasurer; exemption

24 A. The sum of \$7,600,000 is appropriated from the state general
25 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the law enforcement crime victim
26 notification fund established by section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes,
27 as amended by this act, and is appropriated from the law enforcement crime
28 victim notification fund to the state treasurer to be used for the
29 purposes prescribed in section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
30 amended by this act, for use in fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

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

36 C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section
37 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised
38 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations until from and after June
39 30, 2025.