

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0201

ENROLLED ACT NO. 120, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2005 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to victim assistance providers; establishing a funding formula for victim assistance providers; specifying duties of the victim services division and victim assistance providers that receive state funding; providing exceptions; requiring rulemaking; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 1-40-118 by creating a new subsection (g) is amended to read:

1-40-118. Distribution of monies to crime victim service and victim assistance providers.

(g) To the extent the legislature provides funding for victim assistance providers that serve victims of all crimes, the division of victim services shall:

(i) Distribute the state funding provided for victim assistance providers as follows:

(A) No less than two percent (2%) of the total amount of state funding shall be distributed to each county and the Wind River Indian Reservation for victim assistance providers within the county or within the Wind River Indian Reservation that meet the requirements established by the division of victim services;

(B) Of the remaining state funding under this subsection, amounts shall be distributed to the victim assistance providers within the counties and the Wind River Indian Reservation on a proportional basis according to each county's and the reservation's population as

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established in the most recent federal decennial census. For purposes of the distribution under this subparagraph, the population residing on the Wind River Indian Reservation shall be determined separate from the balance of the population of Fremont county.

(ii) Require victim assistance providers to:

(A) Provide the services specified under subsection (a) of this section;

(B) Advocate to ensure victims are allowed to exercise their rights under the victims bill of rights established in W.S. 1-40-203;

(C) Submit their long-term strategic plans to the division of victim services for approval.

(iii) Establish minimum program standards and uniform reporting procedures for victim assistance providers that receive state funding under this subsection through rules and regulations adopted in accordance with W.S. 9-1-638(a)(vii).

Section 2. There is appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the general fund to the victim services division within the office of the attorney general to implement the purposes of this act. Of this general fund appropriation, funds shall not be distributed to crime victim service providers in the district attorneys' offices in the first and seventh judicial districts. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the district attorneys for the first and seventh judicial districts from seeking funding for crime victim services through the state budget process or other appropriate means.

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Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2005.

(b) W.S. 1-40-118(g)(iii), as created in section 1 of this act, is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk