

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0201

Crime victim service providers funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Diercks, Hinckley, Osborn
and Warren and Senator(s) Burns and Vasey

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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14 **1-40-118. Distribution of monies to crime victim**
15 **service and victim assistance providers.**

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

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

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

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15 (B) Of the remaining state funding under
16 this subsection, amounts shall be distributed to the victim
17 assistance providers within the counties and the Wind River
18 Indian Reservation on a proportional basis according to
19 each county's and the reservation's population as
20 established in the most recent federal decennial census.
21 For purposes of the distribution under this subparagraph,
22 the population residing on the Wind River Indian
23 Reservation shall be determined separate from the balance
24 of the population of Fremont county.

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(ii) Require victim assistance providers to:

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

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

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

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(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).

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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

1 appropriation, funds shall not be distributed to crime
2 victim service providers in the district attorneys' offices
3 in the first and seventh judicial districts. Nothing in
4 this act shall prohibit the district attorneys for the
5 first and seventh judicial districts from seeking funding
6 for crime victim services through the state budget process
7 or other appropriate means.

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9 **Section 3.**

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

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

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19 (END)