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House Bill 784
Judiciary

(Delegate Lee, *et al.*)

Criminal Injuries Compensation Notification - Law Enforcement Agencies

This bill requires a law enforcement unit to give the victim of any reported crime or delinquent act specified information about victims' rights, services, and procedures, including information relating to criminal injuries compensation. The bill adds 16 law enforcement agencies to the applicable definition of the term "law enforcement unit."

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. Some State law enforcement units may incur additional printing costs for informational materials. It is assumed that any additional training needs for law enforcement officers can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: Minimal. Some jurisdictions and local law enforcement units may incur additional printing costs. It is assumed that any additional training needs for law enforcement officers can be handled with existing budgeted resources. Some local law enforcement units already provide such information to crime victims.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: When a report of a violent crime is filed with a law enforcement unit, the unit must give to a victim of that crime written information that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board supplies about compensation for victims. A law enforcement unit means:

- the Department of State Police;

- the Baltimore City Police Department;
- the police department, bureau, or force of a county or municipality;
- the office of the sheriff of a county;
- the office of the State's Attorney for a county;
- the Office of the Attorney General; or
- the Office of the State Prosecutor.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 821 (Senator Forehand, *et al.*) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Allegany, Harford, Montgomery, Talbot, and Wicomico counties; Department of General Services; Department of Natural Resources; Maryland Higher Education Commission; Morgan State University; Baltimore City Community College; University System of Maryland; Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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