

# HOUSE BILL 186

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By: **Delegate B. Barnes**

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Assigned to: Appropriations and Judiciary

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Victim Services Programs – Supplementing Federal Funding and Support**  
3 **(Victim Services Stabilization Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of providing for the funding of certain victim services programs; requiring  
5 the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to help  
6 support certain programs providing services for victims of crime; requiring the Office  
7 to consult with certain individuals and organizations regarding the allocation of  
8 certain funding; requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the State  
9 budget; and generally relating to victim services programs.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Criminal Procedure

12 Section 11–934 to be under the new part “Part V. Federal Victim Services Programs  
13 Funding Supplement”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

19 **11–932. RESERVED.**

20 **11–933. RESERVED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           **PART V. FEDERAL VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS FUNDING SUPPLEMENT.**

2   **11-934.**

3           **(A) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT,**  
4 **SUPPORT, AND CONTINUITY OF VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE**  
5 **TRAUMA-INFORMED, HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO**  
6 **STABILIZE FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS BY**  
7 **SUPPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS WHEN**  
8 **FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUNDING FLUCTUATES.**

9           **(B) (1) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**  
10 **VICTIM SERVICES SHALL HELP SUPPORT PROGRAMS PROVIDING SERVICES FOR**  
11 **VICTIMS OF CRIME THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

12           **(2) THE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND**  
13 **LOCATED TO FACILITATE THEIR USE BY ALLEGED VICTIMS RESIDING IN**  
14 **SURROUNDING AREAS.**

15           **(C) (1) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**  
16 **VICTIM SERVICES MAY AWARD GRANTS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT**  
17 **ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE THE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

18           **(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
19 **THE PROGRAMS SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CRIME AS AUTHORIZED**  
20 **BY THE FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND RELATED REGULATIONS.**

21           **(3) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**  
22 **VICTIM SERVICES:**

23                   **(I) MAY NOT REQUIRE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS TO**  
24 **PROVIDE A MATCH FOR STATE FUNDS EXPENDED; AND**

25                   ~~**(II) SHALL ENSURE THAT STATE FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS**~~  
26 ~~**SECTION MAY BE USED AS A MATCH FOR FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUNDS.**~~

27                   **(II) SHALL ENSURE THAT STATE FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS**  
28 **SECTION:**

29                           **1. ARE ADMINISTERED IN A UNIFIED PROCESS WITH**  
30 **FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUNDS, WITH SEPARATE FINANCIAL REPORTING**  
31 **AS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS;**



1           (G) ~~THE~~ ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE  
 2 DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND  
 3 VICTIM SERVICES SHALL ~~INCLUDE~~ SUBMIT A REPORT ON ~~THE VICTIM SERVICES~~  
 4 ~~PROGRAMS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF~~  
 5 ~~CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES~~ ALL VICTIM SERVICES  
 6 PROGRAMS AND GRANTEES AND FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE  
 7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
 8 ARTICLE.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
 10 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.