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CHAPTER 333
SENATE BILL 1712

AN ACT
AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-180; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO CRIME VICTIMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 41, chapter 1, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-180, to read:

41-180. Law enforcement crime victim notification fund; software; vendor requirement; reimbursement

A. The law enforcement crime victim notification fund is established consisting of legislative appropriations. The state treasurer shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation and may be used by law enforcement agencies in this state to fund software that does the following:

1. Enables the county-and-or-city-based deployment of an automated crime victim notification system to a user base consisting of law enforcement agencies. The automated crime victim notification system must do the following:

   (a) Automatically, and without the requirement to download a software application or to opt in to notifications, notify the victim by email or text of all of the following regarding a victim’s law enforcement crime report, investigation and case:

      (i) The date on which the report is filed.
      (ii) The case number.
      (iii) The name of the detective who is assigned to the case.
      (iv) When arrests are made.
      (v) When warrants are issued.
      (vi) When the case is sent to the prosecuting agency.
      (vii) Initial appearance.

   (b) Interface with the law enforcement agency’s system of record.

   (c) Provide configurable triggers to send messages to crime victims.

   (d) Provide the ability to attach informational brochures or other electronic attachments to the messages.

   (e) Provide the ability for victims to find their case status on the agency’s website.

   (f) Be configurable to the requirements of each county and or city in this state.

   (g) Include county, city or town branding, county, city or town email addresses and web domains for all communications.

   (h) Provide the ability to send messages in multiple languages.

   (i) Provide a short code or a long code telephone number with a local area code.

   (j) Monitor the number of messages sent and the types of messages sent and visualize the data.

2. Provides a criminal justice information service compliant automated victim notification platform that ensures the following:
(a) Crime victims are automatically notified by text and email following any updates to their case.

(b) Law enforcement agencies determine the notifications.

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

(d) No additional staffing is required.

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

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

Sec. 2. Appropriations; law enforcement crime victim notification fund; victims' rights fund; exemption

A. The sum of $3,800,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the law enforcement crime victim notification fund established by section 41-180, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

B. The sum of $1,400,000 is appropriated from the consumer protection-consumer fraud revolving fund established by section 44-1531.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the victims' rights fund established by section 41-191.08, Arizona Revised Statutes.

C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 30, 2022.