

HOUSE BILL 573

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD CRIME VICTIMS; CREATING THE CHILD CRIME
VICTIMS ADVOCACY FUND; SETTING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. COURT FEES--DEPOSIT IN CHILD CRIME VICTIMS
ADVOCACY FUND.--**

A. In addition to any other fees collected in the
district court, metropolitan court and magistrate court, those
courts shall assess and collect from a person convicted of a
penalty assessment misdemeanor, traffic violation, petty
misdemeanor, misdemeanor or felony offense a child crime
victims advocacy fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

B. Child crime victims advocacy fees shall be
deposited in the child crime victims advocacy fund.

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1 SECTION 2. CHILD CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY FUND

2 CREATED--APPROPRIATION--PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--

3 A. The "child crime victims advocacy fund" is
4 created in the state treasury. All fees collected pursuant to
5 the provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be transmitted
6 monthly to the department of finance and administration for
7 credit to the child crime victims advocacy fund.

8 B. Balances in the child crime victims advocacy
9 fund are appropriated to the administrative office of the
10 district attorneys to provide funds to child crime victims
11 advocacy programs to defray the cost of providing treatment or
12 intervention to children who are victims of crime. Unexpended
13 or unencumbered balances remaining in the fund at the end of
14 any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

15 C. Payments out of the child crime victims advocacy
16 fund shall be made pursuant to vouchers issued and signed by
17 the director of the administrative office of the district
18 attorneys upon warrants drawn by the department of finance and
19 administration.

20 D. In order to be eligible for money from the child
21 crime victims advocacy fund, a child crime victims advocacy
22 program shall include the following components:

23 (1) use of a safe house to provide a secure
24 environment for a child;

25 (2) an initial assessment to determine if a

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1 child who is the victim of a crime will benefit from
2 participation in the program;
3 (3) the use of forensic interviewers;
4 (4) personnel trained as advocates for child
5 victims of crimes; and
6 (5) the use of multidisciplinary teams,
7 including forensic interviewers, law enforcement, child
8 protective services, mental health services, medical
9 professionals and victim advocacy services.

10 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
11 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.