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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Introduced By: Senator Donna M. Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 23, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12-25-21.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-25 entitled
2 "Criminal Injuries Compensation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **12-25-21.1. Emergency fund for victims.** -- (a) The office may award emergency
4 compensation under this chapter for the burial expenses of a victim who dies as a direct result of a
5 violent crime as defined in this chapter.

6 (b) The award for emergency compensation shall be awarded at the sole discretion of the
7 program administrator.

8 (c) An award for emergency compensation shall not exceed the sum of ~~five thousand~~
9 ~~dollars (\$5,000)~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

10 (d) The award for emergency compensation shall be deducted from the final award. In
11 the event the victim is not eligible for an award, the victim shall repay the amount of the
12 emergency award to the fund.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase an award for emergency compensation from five thousand
2 dollars (\$5,000) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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