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BALDWIN AND D. R. WRIGHT, APRIL 21, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 21, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," providing crime victim's
21 compensation to certain persons.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 477.3 of the act of April 9, 1929
25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
26 amended June 30, 1984 (P.L.458, No.96), is amended to read:

1 Section 477.3. Persons Eligible for Compensation.--(a)

2 Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the
3 following persons shall be eligible for compensation:

4 (1) A victim.

5 (2) An intervenor.

6 (3) A surviving spouse, parent or child of a deceased victim
7 or intervenor.

8 (4) Any other person dependent for his principal support
9 upon a deceased victim or intervenor.

10 (5) Any person related to the victim within the third degree
11 of consanguinity or affinity who assumes the obligation or who
12 pays the funeral or burial expense incurred as a direct result
13 of the crime.

14 (6) Any nonprofit organization, unincorporated association
15 or nonprofit corporation which has paid a reward to an informant
16 for information which led to the arrest and conviction of an
17 individual for a crime which constitutes a felony.

18 (b) A person who is criminally responsible for the crime
19 upon which a claim is based or an accomplice of such person
20 shall not be eligible to receive compensation with respect to
21 such claim. A member of the family of the person who committed
22 the crime shall not be eligible if the offender is living in the
23 same household as the victim and will benefit from the award.
24 The Attorney General may sue the offender or the victim or both
25 to recover the award if the offender at any time benefits from
26 the award.

27 (c) A person who is not a resident of Pennsylvania at the
28 time of occurrence of the crime upon which the claim is based,
29 shall be eligible for compensation only if the law of the state
30 of which he is a resident at the time of occurrence of the crime

1 upon which the claim is based provides for compensation to
2 Pennsylvania residents who are victims of crime in such state.

3 (d) If the victim's state of residence provides payments to
4 its residents injured in Pennsylvania, primary responsibility
5 for payment to the victim shall rest with the victim's state of
6 residence.

7 (e) For the purposes of the Crime Victim's Compensation
8 Program, any nonprofit entity described in subsection (a)(6)
9 which has paid a reward in accordance with the conditions set
10 forth in subsection (a)(6) shall be reimbursed by the board for
11 the amount of the reward up to the sum of one thousand dollars
12 (\$1,000) per reward.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.