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Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

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A bill for an act

relating to public safety; establishing the Minnesota victims of crime account;
providing grants to crime victim service providers; increasing certain fees and
penalties for deposit in account; transferring money from general fund to account;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 517.08, subdivisions 1b, 1c; proposing
coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 299A; 609.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [299A.708] MINNESOTA VICTIMS OF CRIME ACCOUNT.

Subdivision 1. Account established. The Minnesota victims of crime account is

established in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 2. Source of funds. The account consists of money deposited, donated, allotted,

transferred, or otherwise provided to the account and any interest or earnings of the account.

Subd. 3. Appropriation; account purpose; grants. Money in the account, including

interest accrued, is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice

Programs to provide grants to crime victim services providers. Grants must be used for

direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence,

and child abuse. Funding must support the direct needs of organizations serving victims of

crime and may provide: direct client assistance to crime victims; competitive wages for

direct service staff; hotel stays and other housing-related supports and services; culturally

responsive programming; prevention programming, including domestic abuse transformation

and restorative justice programming; and for other needs of organizations and crime victim

survivors. Services funded must include services for victims of crime in underserved

communities most impacted by violence and reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural,

2.1 and geographic diversity of the state. Up to ten percent of the appropriation is available for
2.2 grant administration.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Reporting; carryover.** (a) By January 15 of each year, the commissioner of
2.4 public safety shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.5 legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety policy and finance on the account
2.6 established in subdivision 1. The report must provide detailed information on the money
2.7 deposited into the account and any money carried over from the previous year, including
2.8 the amounts and sources of the money.

2.9 (b) Money in the account does not cancel but remains available for expenditures for
2.10 grants identified in subdivision 3.

2.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 517.08, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 1b. **Term of license; fee; premarital education.** (a) The local registrar shall
2.13 examine upon oath the parties applying for a license relative to the legality of the
2.14 contemplated civil marriage. Both parties must present proof of age to the local registrar.
2.15 If one party is unable to appear in person, the party appearing may complete the absent
2.16 applicant's information. The local registrar shall provide a copy of the civil marriage
2.17 application to the party who is unable to appear, who must verify the accuracy of the
2.18 appearing party's information in a notarized statement. The verification statement must be
2.19 accompanied by a copy of proof of age of the party. The civil marriage license must not be
2.20 released until the verification statement and proof of age has been received by the local
2.21 registrar. If the local registrar is satisfied that there is no legal impediment to it, including
2.22 the restriction contained in section 259.13, the local registrar shall issue the license,
2.23 containing the full names of the parties before and after the civil marriage, and county and
2.24 state of residence, with the county seal attached, and make a record of the date of issuance.
2.25 The license shall be valid for a period of six months. Except as provided in paragraph (b),
2.26 the local registrar shall collect from the applicant a fee of ~~\$115~~ \$125 for administering the
2.27 oath, issuing, recording, and filing all papers required, and preparing and transmitting to
2.28 the state registrar of vital records the reports of civil marriage required by this section. If
2.29 the license should not be used within the period of six months due to illness or other
2.30 extenuating circumstances, it may be surrendered to the local registrar for cancellation, and
2.31 in that case a new license shall issue upon request of the parties of the original license
2.32 without fee. A local registrar who knowingly issues or signs a civil marriage license in any
2.33 manner other than as provided in this section shall pay to the parties aggrieved an amount
2.34 not to exceed \$1,000.

(b) The civil marriage license fee for parties who have completed at least 12 hours of premarital education is ~~\$40~~ \$50. In order to qualify for the reduced license fee, the parties must submit at the time of applying for the civil marriage license a statement that is signed, dated, and notarized or marked with a church seal from the person who provided the premarital education on their letterhead confirming that it was received. The premarital education must be provided by a licensed or ordained minister or the minister's designee, a person authorized to solemnize civil marriages under section 517.18, or a person authorized to practice marriage and family therapy under section 148B.33. The education must include the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills.

(c) The statement from the person who provided the premarital education under paragraph (b) must be in the following form:

"I, (name of educator), confirm that (names of both parties) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills. I am a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize civil marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.18, or a person licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33."

The names of the parties in the educator's statement must be identical to the legal names of the parties as they appear in the civil marriage license application. Notwithstanding section 138.17, the educator's statement must be retained for seven years, after which time it may be destroyed.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 517.08, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

Subd. 1c. **Disposition of license fee.** (a) Of the civil marriage license fee collected pursuant to subdivision 1b, paragraph (a), \$25 must be retained by the county. The local registrar must pay ~~\$90~~ \$100 to the commissioner of management and budget to be deposited as follows:

(1) \$55 in the general fund;

(2) \$3 in the state government special revenue fund to be appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for parenting time centers under section 119A.37;

(3) \$2 in the special revenue fund to be appropriated to the commissioner of health for developing and implementing the MN ENABL program under section 145.9255;

(4) \$25 in the special revenue fund is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership under section 116L.96; ~~and~~

(5) \$5 in the special revenue fund, which is appropriated to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Minnesota couples on the brink project under section 137.32; and

(6) \$10 in the Minnesota victims of crime account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.708.

(b) Of the \$40 fee under subdivision 1b, paragraph (b), \$25 must be retained by the county. The local registrar must pay ~~\$15~~ \$25 to the commissioner of management and budget to be deposited as follows:

(1) \$5 as provided in paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3); ~~and~~

(2) \$10 in the special revenue fund is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership under section 116L.96; and

(3) \$10 in the Minnesota victims of crime account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.708.

Sec. 4. [609.1015] CORPORATE OFFENDERS; PENALTY ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.

(a) As used in this section, "corporation" means any entity, other than a natural person, that is capable under the laws of any state to sue, be sued, own property, contract, or employ another.

(b) When a court is sentencing a corporation that has been convicted of a crime, the court shall impose an assessment of up to \$1,000,000 if the conviction is for a felony offense, up to \$250,000 if the conviction is for a gross misdemeanor offense, and up to \$100,000 if the conviction is for a misdemeanor offense. The assessment is in addition to any criminal fines, restitution, or surcharge, otherwise authorized or required under law. The court shall impose an assessment of not less than 30 percent of the maximum assessment authorized by this section unless the defendant makes a showing of undue hardship. The court may not waive payment of the assessment.

(c) In setting the amount of the assessment, the court shall take the following into consideration:

- 5.1 (1) the nature and seriousness of the offense;
- 5.2 (2) the number of offenses committed;
- 5.3 (3) the persistence of the criminal conduct;
- 5.4 (4) the length of time over which the criminal conduct occurred;
- 5.5 (5) the willfulness of the corporation's criminal conduct;
- 5.6 (6) the corporation's assets, liabilities, and net worth; and
- 5.7 (7) the particular harm to victims of the crime.
- 5.8 (d) Assessments collected under this section must be deposited into the Minnesota victims
- 5.9 of crime account under section 299A.708.
- 5.10 Sec. 5. **GENERAL FUND TRANSFER.**
- 5.11 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from the general
- 5.12 fund to the Minnesota victims of crime account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota
- 5.13 Statutes, section 299A.708.