

ASSEMBLY, No. 3792

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires VCCO to issue annual report to Governor and Legislature.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** requiring the Victims of Crime Compensation Office to
2 annually report on compensation awarded to crime victims and
3 supplementing chapter 4B of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The Attorney General shall direct the Executive Director
9 of the Victims of Crime Compensation Office in the Department of
10 Law and Public Safety to annually submit to the Governor and the
11 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1)
12 a report summarizing compensation awarded to victims and other
13 information including, but not limited to, applications for
14 compensation, the number of applications granted and denied and
15 the reasons for the dispositions, the amount of awards,
16 demographics concerning awards, services for which awards were
17 provided, funding received by the office, and any other information
18 deemed relevant by the Attorney General and the executive director.

19 b. The report shall be based on the State fiscal year and shall be
20 completed within six months following the last day of the previous
21 fiscal year.

22 c. The report shall be published on the official website of the
23 Department of Law and Public Safety.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill codifies the current policy of the Victims of Crime
31 Compensation Office (VCCO) to issue an annual report
32 summarizing compensation awards granted to eligible victims.

33 Under the bill, the report is to summarize compensation awarded
34 to victims during the previous fiscal year. The number of
35 applications for compensation, the number of applications granted
36 and denied and the reasons for the dispositions, the amount of
37 awards, demographics concerning awards, services for which
38 awards were provided, funding received by the office, and any other
39 information deemed relevant by the VCCO also is to be included in
40 the report.

41 The bill requires the report to be completed within six months
42 following the last day of the previous fiscal year.

43 The report is to be issued to the Governor and the Legislature, as
44 well as made available on the official website of the Department of
45 Law and Public Safety.