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Victims of Crime and Acts of Mass Destruction

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MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Note: Sections 1 to 3 and 11, chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003, provide:

Sec. 1. As used in section 2 of this 2003 Act:

(1) "Complete medical assessment" means an assessment that consists of:

(a) A medical examination;

(b) The collection of forensic evidence using an evidence collection kit approved by the Department of State Police; and

(c) The offering and, if requested, provision of prescriptions for emergency contraception and sexually transmitted disease prevention.

(2) "Medical assessment" means a complete or partial medical assessment.

(3) "Partial medical assessment" means an assessment that consists of:

(a) A medical examination; and

(b) The offering and, if requested, provision of prescriptions for emergency contraception and sexually transmitted disease prevention. [2003 c.789 §1]

Sec. 2. (1) Subject to the availability of funds from gifts, grants and donations in the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund, the Department of Justice shall pay the costs of:

(a) A complete medical assessment obtained by the victim of a sexual assault if the victim obtains the medical assessment no later than 84 hours after the sexual assault.

(b) A partial medical assessment obtained by the victim of a sexual assault if the victim obtains the medical assessment no later than seven days after the sexual assault.

(2) The department shall develop a form that the victim of a sexual assault must complete if the victim wants the department to pay for a medical assessment as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The department shall make copies of the form available to providers of medical assessments.

(3) When the victim of a sexual assault completes the form developed by the department under subsection (2) of this section, the victim shall submit the form to the provider of the medical assessment. The provider shall submit the form with a bill for the medical assessment to the department. A provider who submits a bill under this subsection may not bill the victim or the victim's insurance carrier for the medical assessment except to the extent that the department is unable to pay the bill due to lack of funds or declines to pay the bill.

(4) A provider may not charge the department more for a complete medical assessment or a partial medical assessment than the maximum amounts established by the department by rule for the assessments.

(5) The victim of a sexual assault may obtain a medical assessment and complete and submit a form under this section regardless of whether the victim reports the sexual assault to a law enforcement agency.

(6) This section does not require the department to pay any costs of treatment for injuries resulting from the sexual assault.

(7) The department may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. [2003 c.789 §2]

Sec. 3. (1) The Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund is established, separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice to be used for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2003 Act.

(2) The Department of Justice may accept moneys from any source for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2003 Act. The department shall deposit moneys accepted under this subsection in the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund. [2003 c.789 §3]

Sec. 11. Any balance in the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund that is unexpended and unobligated on January 1, 2008, shall be transferred to and deposited in the General Fund to be available for general governmental expenses. [2003 c.789 §11]

COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS (General Provisions)

147.005 Definitions. As used in ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Applicant" means:

(a) Any victim of a compensable crime who applies to the Department of Justice for compensation under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367;

(b) Any person who was a dependent of a deceased victim at the time of the death of that victim;

(c) Any person who is a survivor of a deceased victim; or

(d) Any person eligible for compensation under ORS 147.025.

(2) "Board" means the Workers' Compensation Board.

(3) "Child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age and includes a posthumous child, stepchild or an adopted child.

(4) "Compensable crime" means abuse of corpse in any degree or an intentional, knowing or reckless act that results in serious bodily injury or death of another person and which, if committed by a person of full legal capacity, would be punishable as a crime in this state.

(5) "Dependent" means such relatives of a deceased victim who wholly or partially were dependent upon the victim's income at the time of death or would have been so dependent but for the victim's incapacity due to the injury from which the death resulted.

(6) "Department" means the Department of Justice.

(7) "Funeral expenses" means expenses of the funeral, burial, cremation or other chosen method of interment, including plot or tomb and other necessary incidents to the disposition of the remains and also including, in the case of abuse of corpse in any degree, reinterment.

(8) "Injury" means abuse of a corpse or actual bodily harm and, with respect to a victim, includes pregnancy and mental or nervous shock.

(9) "International terrorism" means activities that:

(a) Involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or any state or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any state;

(b) Appear to be intended to:

(A) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

(B) Influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or

(C) Affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping; and

(c) Occur primarily outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States or transcend national boundaries in terms of the means by which they are accomplished, the persons they appear intended to intimidate or coerce, or the locale in which their perpetrators operate or seek asylum.

(10) "Law enforcement official" means a sheriff, constable, marshal, municipal police officer or member of the Oregon State Police and such other persons as may be designated by law as a peace officer.

(11) "Relative" means a person related to the victim within the third degree as determined by the common law, a spouse, or an individual related to the spouse within the third degree as so determined and includes an individual in an adoptive relationship.

(12) "Survivor" means any spouse, parent, grandparent, guardian, sibling, child or other immediate family member or household member of a deceased victim.

(13) "Victim" means:

(a) A person:

(A) Killed or injured in this state as a result of a compensable crime perpetrated or attempted against that person;

(B) Killed or injured in this state while attempting to assist a person against whom a compensable crime is being perpetrated or attempted, if that attempt of assistance would be expected of a reasonable person under the circumstances;

(C) Killed or injured in this state while assisting a law enforcement official to apprehend a person who has perpetrated a crime or to prevent the perpetration of any such crime, if that assistance was in response to the express request of the law enforcement official;

(D) Killed or injured in another state as a result of a criminal episode that began in this state;

(E) Who is an Oregon resident killed or injured as a result of a compensable crime perpetrated or attempted against the person in a state, within the United States, without a reciprocal crime victims' compensation program; or

(F) Who is an Oregon resident killed or injured by an act of international terrorism committed outside the United States; or

(b) In the case of abuse of corpse in any degree, the corpse or a relative of the corpse. [1977 c.376 §1; 1985 c.552 §4; 1987 c.770 §1; 1989 c.542 §1; 1993 c.294 §7; 1997 c.289 §1; 2003 c.351 §1]

147.010 [Amended by 1973 c.32 §1; renumbered 133.743]

147.015 Eligibility for compensation; generally. A person is eligible for an award of compensation under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 if:

(1) The person is a victim, or is a survivor or dependent of a deceased victim of a compensable crime that has resulted in or may result in a compensable loss;

(2) The appropriate law enforcement officials were notified of the perpetration of the crime allegedly causing the death or injury to the victim within 72 hours after its perpetration, unless the Department of Justice finds good cause exists for the failure of notification;

(3) The applicant has cooperated fully with law enforcement officials in the apprehension and prosecution of the assailant or the department has found that the applicant's failure to cooperate was for good cause;

(4) The application for compensation is not the result of collusion between the applicant and the assailant of the victim;

(5) The death or injury to the victim was not substantially attributable to the wrongful act of the victim or substantial provocation of the assailant of the victim; and

(6) The application for an award of compensation under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 is filed with the department:

(a) Within six months of the date of the injury to the victim; or

(b) Within such further extension of time as the department for good cause shown, allows. [1977 c.376 §3; 1987 c.770 §2; 1989 c.542 §2; 1991 c.862 §2; 1997 c.288 §1]

147.020 [Renumbered 133.747]

147.025 Eligibility of person not victim or dependent of deceased victim. (1) Notwithstanding that a person is not a victim or a dependent of a deceased victim under ORS 147.015 (1), the person is eligible for compensation for reasonable medical expenses for the victim and for reasonable funeral expenses of the deceased victim if the person:

- (a) Paid or incurred such expenses; and
- (b) Files a claim in the manner provided in ORS 147.105 and the conditions in ORS 147.015 (2) to (6) are met.

(2) Notwithstanding that a person is not a survivor or dependent of a deceased victim under ORS 147.015 (1), the person is eligible for compensation for reasonable counseling expenses up to a maximum amount of \$500 if the person:

- (a) Paid or incurred such expenses;
- (b) Was a friend or acquaintance of the victim;
- (c) Was the first person to discover the corpse of the victim; and
- (d) Files a claim in the manner provided in ORS 147.105 and the conditions in ORS 147.015 (2) to (6) are met.

(3) The Department of Justice may pay directly to the provider of the services compensation for medical, funeral or counseling expenses incurred by the person. [1977 c.376 §4; 1987 c.770 §3; 2003 c.353 §1]

147.030 [Renumbered 133.753]

147.035 Amounts and types of losses compensable; rules. (1) Losses compensable under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 resulting from death or injury to a victim include:

- (a) In the case of injury:
 - (A) Reasonable medical and hospital expenses, including psychiatric, psychological or counseling expenses and further including, in cases of:
 - (i) Child sexual abuse, rape of a child and exploitation described in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(C), (D) or (E), counseling expenses of the victim's family up to a maximum amount of \$20,000;
 - (ii) Domestic violence, as defined in ORS 135.230, counseling expenses of children who witnessed the domestic violence up to a maximum amount of \$10,000; or
 - (iii) International terrorism, counseling expenses of a relative of the victim up to a maximum amount of \$1,000;
 - (B) Loss of earnings, not exceeding \$400 per week up to a maximum amount of \$20,000;
 - (C) Rehabilitation up to a maximum amount of \$4,000; and
 - (D) Transportation for medical care and mental health counseling when the treatment is compensable under this section, the treatment is provided more than 30 miles away from the victim's residence and adequate treatment is not available closer to the victim's residence. Payment will be made at a

rate set by the Department of Justice up to a maximum amount of \$3,000.

- (b) In the case of death:
 - (A) Reasonable funeral expenses up to a maximum amount of \$5,000;
 - (B) Reasonable medical and hospital expenses up to a maximum amount of \$20,000;
 - (C) Loss of support to the dependents of the victim not exceeding \$400 per week up to a maximum amount of \$20,000, less any amounts paid for loss of earnings;
 - (D) Reasonable counseling expenses for the survivors of a deceased victim up to a maximum amount of \$20,000 for each deceased victim; and
 - (E) Transportation for mental health counseling when the treatment is compensable under this section, the treatment is provided more than 30 miles away from the survivor's or dependent's residence and adequate treatment is not available closer to the survivor's or dependent's residence. Payment will be made at a rate set by the Department of Justice up to a maximum amount of \$3,000.

(2) Compensable losses do not include:

- (a) Pain and suffering or property damage; or
 - (b) Aggregate damages to the victim and to the dependents of a victim exceeding \$44,000.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, in the case of abuse of corpse in any degree, losses compensable under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 resulting from the abuse of the corpse include:
- (a) Reasonable funeral expenses up to a maximum amount of \$5,000; and
 - (b) Reasonable counseling expenses for emotional distress up to a maximum amount of \$5,000 for each incident.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a claim for benefits expires and no further payments may be made with regard to the claim when three years have elapsed since the entry of a determination order under ORS 147.135 or when the victim, survivor or dependent attains 21 years of age, whichever comes later. The extension of benefits and payments until the victim, survivor or dependent attains 21 years of age applies to claims filed on or after August 4, 1991.

(5) If the victim has suffered catastrophic injuries, a claim for benefits and payments may continue beyond the period described in subsection (4) of this section. The Department of Justice shall adopt rules defining catastrophic injuries and establishing the

length of time that a claim for benefits and payments may continue.

(6) The department shall adopt rules for medical fee schedules. The schedules shall represent at least the 75th percentile of the usual and customary fees charged to the public as determined by the department. An applicant or victim may not be charged for the percentile amount reduced by the department. [1977 c.376 §5; 1987 c.770 §4; 1989 c.542 §3; 1991 c.603 §2; 1991 c.862 §3; 1993 c.294 §8; 1993 c.546 §100; 1993 c.622 §3; 1997 c.549 §1; 1997 c.723 §1; 1997 c.749 §2; 1997 c.873 §31; 1999 c.922 §1; 2001 c.383 §1; 2003 c.349 §1]

147.040 [Renumbered 133.757]

147.045 Notification of district attorney upon filing of compensation claim; deferral of compensation proceedings; emergency awards. (1) Upon filing of a claim pursuant to ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367, the Department of Justice shall promptly notify the district attorney of the county wherein the crime is alleged to have occurred. If, within 10 days after such notification, the district attorney advises the department that a criminal prosecution is pending upon the same alleged crime and requests that action by the department be deferred, the department shall defer all proceedings under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 until such time as such criminal prosecution has been concluded and shall so notify the district attorney and the applicant. When such criminal prosecution has been concluded, the district attorney shall promptly so notify the department.

(2) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the department to grant emergency awards pursuant to ORS 147.055. [1977 c.376 §6]

147.050 [Renumbered 133.763]

147.055 Emergency awards; amount; effect on final award. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 147.045 (1), the Department of Justice may make an emergency award to the applicant pending a final decision in the claim, if it appears to the department, prior to taking action upon the claim that:

(a) The claim is one with respect to which an award probably will be made; and

(b) Undue hardship will result to the applicant if immediate payment is not made.

(2)(a) The amount of such emergency award shall not exceed \$1,000.

(b) The amount of such emergency award shall be deducted from any final award made as a result of the claim.

(c) The excess of the amount of such emergency award over the amount of the final award, or the full amount of the emergency award if no final award is made, shall

be repaid by the recipient to the department. [1977 c.376 §7]

147.060 [Renumbered 133.767]

147.065 Limitation on time for commencing action for compensable crime. Notwithstanding ORS 12.110 the victim of any compensable crime as defined in ORS 147.005 or the victim's representative may bring an action at any time within the five-year period after the commission of the compensable crime. [1985 c.552 §5]

Note: 147.065 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 147 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

147.070 [Renumbered 133.773]

147.080 [Renumbered 133.777]

147.090 [Renumbered 133.783]

147.100 [Renumbered 133.787]

(Compensation Procedure)

147.105 Application for compensation; contents; additional information or materials; amended applications; effect of criminal conviction of applicant. (1) An applicant for compensation under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 must file an application under oath on a form furnished by the Department of Justice. The application shall include:

(a) The name and address of the victim;

(b) If the victim is deceased, the name and address of the applicant and relationship to the victim, the names and addresses of the victim's dependents and the extent to which each is so dependent;

(c) The date and nature of the crime or attempted crime on which the application for compensation is based;

(d) The date and place where, and the law enforcement officials to whom, notification of the crime was given;

(e) The nature and extent of the injuries sustained by the victim, the names and addresses of those giving medical and hospital treatment to the victim and whether death resulted;

(f) The loss to the applicant and to such other persons as are specified under paragraph (b) of this subsection, resulting from the injury or death;

(g) The amount of benefits, payments or awards, if any, payable from any source, which the applicant or other person, listed under paragraph (b) of this subsection, has received or for which the applicant or other person is eligible as a result of the injury or death;

(h) Releases authorizing the surrender to the department of reports, documents and

other information relating to the matters specified under this subsection; and

(i) Such other information as the department determines is necessary.

(2) The department may require that the applicants submit with the application materials substantiating the facts stated in the application.

(3) If the department finds that an application does not contain the required information or that the facts stated therein have not been substantiated, it shall notify the applicant in writing of the specific additional items of information or materials required and that the applicant has 30 days from the date of mailing in which to furnish those items to the department. Unless an applicant requests and is granted an extension of time by the department, the department shall reject with prejudice the claim of the applicant for failure to file the additional information or materials within the specified time.

(4) An applicant may file an amended application or additional substantiating materials to correct inadvertent errors or omissions at any time before the department has completed its consideration of the original application.

(5) The filing of additional information or the amendment of the application pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of this section shall be considered for the purposes of ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 to have been filed at the same time as the original application.

(6) Unless the department finds good cause exists for the applicant's failure to satisfy a financial obligation or unless the interest of justice requires otherwise, the department shall not process an application filed by or on behalf of a victim who owes a financial obligation ordered or imposed as a result of a previous criminal conviction until the department receives information or materials establishing to the satisfaction of the department that the financial obligation has been satisfied. If the department does not receive the information or materials within one year after the department notifies the applicant of the need to fulfill this requirement, the application is void.

(7)(a) If at the time of application, the applicant is incarcerated as a result of a conviction of a crime, the application shall be refused and returned to the applicant. The applicant is eligible to refile the application within six months after the applicant is released from incarceration.

(b) At the time the application is refused and returned, the department shall notify the applicant of the right to refile the claim

within six months of release from incarceration. [1977 c.376 §8; 1991 c.603 §1; 1991 c.862 §5; 1993 c.18 §24]

147.110 [Amended by 1973 c.836 §123; renumbered 133.793]

147.115 Confidentiality of application information; board proceedings; use of record; witnesses before board. (1) All information submitted to the Department of Justice by an applicant and all hearings of the Workers' Compensation Board under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 shall be open to the public unless the department or board determines that the information shall be kept confidential or that a closed hearing shall be held because:

(a) The alleged assailant has not been brought to trial and disclosure of the information or a public hearing would adversely affect either the apprehension or the trial of the alleged assailant;

(b) The offense allegedly perpetrated against the victim is rape, sodomy or sexual abuse and the interests of the victim or of the victim's dependents require that the information be kept confidential or that the public be excluded from the hearing;

(c) The victim or alleged assailant is a minor; or

(d) The interests of justice would be frustrated rather than furthered, if the information were disclosed or if the hearing were open to the public.

(2)(a) A record shall be kept of the proceedings held before the board and shall include the board's findings of fact and conclusions concerning the amount of compensation, if any, to which the applicant and the dependents of a deceased victim are entitled.

(b) No part of the record of any proceedings before the board may be used for any purpose in a criminal proceeding except in the prosecution of a person alleged to have committed perjury in testimony before the board.

(c) Where the interests of justice require, the board may refuse to disclose to the public the names of victims or other material in the record by which the identity of the victim could be discovered.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(b) and (c) of this section, the record of the proceedings held before the board is a public record. However, any record or report obtained by the board, the confidentiality of which is protected by any other law, shall remain confidential subject to such law.

(4) Witnesses required to appear at any proceeding before the board shall receive such fees and mileage allowance as are pro-

vided for witnesses in ORS 44.415 (2). [1977 c.376 §9; 1989 c.980 §7a]

147.120 [Renumbered 133.797]

147.125 Determining amount of compensation; deduction of other benefits. (1) In determining the amount of compensation for which an applicant is eligible, the Department of Justice shall consider the facts stated on the application filed pursuant to ORS 147.105, and:

(a) Need not consider whether or not the alleged assailant has been apprehended or brought to trial or the result of any criminal proceedings against that person;

(b) Shall determine the amount of the loss to the applicant and, in the case of a deceased victim, of the victim's survivors or dependents as determined under ORS 147.035;

(c) Shall determine the degree or extent to which the victim's acts or conduct contributed to the injuries or death of the victim, and may reduce or deny the award of compensation accordingly. However, the department may disregard for this purpose the responsibility of the victim for the injury of the victim where the record shows that such responsibility was attributable to efforts by the victim to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in the presence of the victim or to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in the presence of the victim;

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection, shall deduct the amount of benefits, payments or awards that are payable under the Workers' Compensation Law, from local governmental, state or federal funds or from any source, and that the victim or survivors or dependents of the victim have received or to which the victim or survivors or dependents of the victim are entitled as a result of the death or injury of the victim;

(e) Shall not deduct the amount of proceeds from life insurance or contributions from the community that the survivors or dependents of the victim have received or to which the survivors or dependents of the victim are entitled as a result of the death of the victim;

(f) Shall consider the amount of money available for victim compensation awards as provided in the current biennial department budget approved by the Legislative Assembly or the Emergency Board, and the anticipated claims against that money; and

(g) Shall award the resultant amount to the applicant as provided in ORS 147.165.

(2) In determining the amount of an award to be made to an applicant, the department may consider the number and type of claims filed and anticipated to be filed

with the department during the current biennial budget period. If the department determines that insufficient funds will be available during the current biennial budget period to pay all filed and anticipated awards, it may prioritize claims or prorate awards based upon the anticipated available funds. The department's decision to prioritize or prorate claims or awards is not subject to administrative or judicial review, including review under ORS 147.155. [1977 c.376 §10; 1987 c.770 §5; 1989 c.542 §4; 1991 c.862 §6; 1999 c.128 §1; 2001 c.372 §1]

147.130 [Renumbered 133.803]

147.135 Processing compensation application; order; contents. After processing the application filed under ORS 147.105 the Department of Justice shall enter an order stating:

(1) Its findings of fact; and

(2) Its decision as to whether or not compensation is due under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367. [1977 c.376 §14; 1999 c.129 §1]

147.140 [Renumbered 133.805]

147.145 Review of order; reconsideration; notice to applicant. If the applicant disagrees with the order entered under ORS 147.135, the applicant may request review by the Department of Justice. The department shall reconsider any order for which a request for review is received. The department shall notify the applicant of its decision on review within 30 days of the department's receipt of the request for review. [1977 c.376 §15]

147.150 [Amended by 1963 c.550 §1; 1973 c.836 §124; renumbered 133.807]

147.155 Appeal to Workers' Compensation Board; hearing; record; evidence considered; board determination not subject to further review. (1) Any applicant who requests review by the Department of Justice under ORS 147.145 and who disagrees with the decision of the department on review may appeal to the Workers' Compensation Board.

(2) The request for hearing shall be in writing. The request shall include the applicant's address, shall be signed by the applicant and shall be mailed to the board.

(3) The board shall conduct a hearing upon at least 10 days' notice by mail to all interested persons.

(4) A record of all proceedings at the hearing shall be kept but need not be transcribed.

(5) The board is not bound by rules of evidence or by technical or formal rules of procedure, and may conduct the hearing in any manner that will achieve substantial justice. However, no evidence is admissible at a hearing that has not previously been

considered by the department. The decision by the board shall be final and shall not be subject to further administrative or judicial review. [1977 c.376 §15a]

147.160 [Amended by 1973 c.836 §125; renumbered 133.809]

147.165 Payment of awards; awards to minors and incompetents. (1) The award made under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 shall be paid in a manner determined by the Department of Justice. Payment for medical, hospital and funeral expenses may be made directly to the service providers.

(2) Where a person eligible to receive an award under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 is a person under the age of 18 years or an incompetent, the award may be paid to a relative, guardian or attorney of such person on behalf of and for the benefit of such person. In such case the payee shall:

(a) File an annual accounting of the award with the department; and

(b) Take such other action as the department shall determine is necessary and appropriate for the benefit of the beneficiary of the award.

(3) A person who is incarcerated is not eligible for payments for loss of earnings for the period of incarceration.

(4) Payment of claims is subject to availability of funds for victim compensation awards as provided in the department budget approved by the Legislative Assembly or the Emergency Board. [1977 c.376 §16; 1987 c.770 §6; 1991 c.862 §7]

147.170 [Amended by 1973 c.836 §126; renumbered 133.813]

147.180 [Amended by 1973 c.836 §127; renumbered 133.815]

147.190 [Renumbered 133.817]

147.200 [Renumbered 133.823]

(Administrative Provisions)

147.205 Authority of Department of Justice; assistance from other agencies; rules; examination of victims; reports to Governor and Legislative Assembly. (1) To carry out the provisions and purposes of ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367, the Department of Justice has the power and duty to:

(a) Appoint such employees and agents as it determines are necessary, fix their compensation within the limitations provided by law, and prescribe their duties.

(b) Request and obtain from law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, county juvenile departments, the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Department of Corrections such assistance and information as will enable the

Department of Justice to carry out its functions and duties under ORS 147.005 to 147.367. The Department of Justice may obtain assistance and information under this paragraph, notwithstanding any other law relating to the confidentiality or disclosure of records. The Department of Justice:

(A) Shall maintain the confidentiality of any privileged or confidential information or records obtained under this paragraph;

(B) May use the information or records only for the purposes authorized by ORS 147.005 to 147.367; and

(C) May not disclose the contents of any privileged or confidential records to any other person or entity.

(c) Adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183.

(d) Direct medical examination of victims.

(e) Determine all claims for awards filed with the department pursuant to ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367, and to reinvestigate or reopen cases as the department deems necessary.

(f) Report biennially to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly on its activities.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law relating to the confidentiality or disclosure of records, when a crime victim applies for compensation under ORS 147.005 to 147.367, a person that provides medical services or supplies or pays the costs of medical services or supplies provided to the crime victim shall provide to the Department of Justice any individually identifiable health information the person has in the person's possession about the crime victim if:

(a) The department requests the information; and

(b) A release authorizing the surrender has been completed under ORS 147.105 (1)(h).

(3) As used in subsection (2) of this section:

(a) "Pays" includes, but is not limited to, payments made directly or indirectly through settlements, judgments, insurance, Medicaid, other compensation or restitution.

(b) "Person" includes, but is not limited to, health care providers and their agents, insurers and their agents, employers and public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109. [1977 c.376 §12; 1987 c.770 §7; 1997 c.396 §1; 2003 c.351 §2]

147.210 [Renumbered 133.825]

147.215 Attorney General as legal adviser to department; assistance by governmental agencies. (1) The Attorney General shall serve as legal adviser to the Department of Justice for all matters arising under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367.

(2) Law enforcement officials and other agencies of the state or local governmental units are authorized to give and shall provide any assistance or information requested by the department under ORS 147.205 (1)(b). [1977 c.376 §13; 2003 c.351 §3]

147.220 [Amended by 1961 c.389 §4; renumbered 133.827]

147.225 Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. There is established the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated for and may be used by the Department of Justice for the purposes authorized in ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 and section 2, chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003. [1977 c.376 §22; 2003 c.789 §4]

Note: The amendments to 147.225 by section 6, chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003, become operative January 1, 2008. See section 9 (4), chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003. The text that is operative on and after January 1, 2008, is set forth for the user's convenience.

147.225. There is established the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated for and may be used by the Department of Justice for the purposes authorized in ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367.

147.227 Disbursement of moneys to be used for comprehensive victims' assistance programs; rules; qualifications. (1) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall disburse up to one-half of the moneys that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account receives from the Criminal Fine and Assessment Public Safety Fund to counties and cities where prosecuting attorneys maintain comprehensive victims' assistance programs approved by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee. Those counties and cities shall provide the moneys to the prosecuting attorney therein to be used exclusively for the comprehensive victims' assistance program. Pursuant to consultation with a three member advisory committee, which the Attorney General shall establish administratively, and which shall consist of a representative from the Attorney General's Office, the Oregon District Attorneys Association and a prosecutor's victim assistance program, the Attorney General shall adopt rules for equitable distribution of these moneys among participating counties and cities.

(2) To qualify for approval under this section, a comprehensive victims' assistance program shall not restrict services only to victims or witnesses of a particular type of crime, but shall provide services to victims and witnesses generally. The program must also, in the determination of the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee, substantially accomplish the following:

(a) Provide comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crime

with particular emphasis on serious crimes against persons and property, including, but not limited to:

(A) Informing victims and witnesses of their case status and progress;

(B) Performing advocate duties for victims within the criminal justice system;

(C) Assisting victims in recovering property damaged or stolen and in obtaining restitution or compensation for medical and other expenses incurred as a result of the criminal act;

(D) Preparing victims for pending court hearings by informing them of procedures involved;

(E) Accompanying victims to court hearings;

(F) Involving victims, when possible, in the decision-making process in the criminal justice system;

(G) Assisting victims in obtaining the return of property held as evidence;

(H) Assisting victims with personal logistical problems related to court appearances; and

(I) Developing community resources to assist victims of crime;

(b) Be administered by the district attorney of the county or city attorney of the city;

(c) Assist victims of crimes in the preparation and presentation of claims against the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account; and

(d) Generally encourage and facilitate testimony by victims of and witnesses to criminal conduct.

(3) If a proposed victims' assistance program, although not substantially comprising all elements described in subsection (2) of this section, nevertheless comprises a significant portion thereof and if, in the determination of the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee thereof, it would not be practicable at the current time for the district attorney or city attorney to establish a more comprehensive program, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee thereof may qualify the program under this section on a temporary basis and subject to such conditions as the Attorney General or the designee shall impose upon the program. [1987 c.905 §11; 1997 c.872 §30; 2001 c.829 §4]

Note: The amendments to 147.227 by section 7, chapter 700, Oregon Laws 2005, take effect July 1, 2007. See section 10, chapter 700, Oregon Laws 2005. The text that is effective on and after July 1, 2007, is set forth for the user's convenience.

147.227. (1) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall disburse up to one-half of the moneys that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account receives from the Criminal Fine and Assessment Account to counties and cities where prosecuting attor-

neys maintain comprehensive victims' assistance programs approved by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee. Those counties and cities shall provide the moneys to the prosecuting attorney therein to be used exclusively for the comprehensive victims' assistance program. Pursuant to consultation with a three member advisory committee, which the Attorney General shall establish administratively, and which shall consist of a representative from the Attorney General's Office, the Oregon District Attorneys Association and a prosecutor's victim assistance program, the Attorney General shall adopt rules for equitable distribution of these moneys among participating counties and cities.

(2) To qualify for approval under this section, a comprehensive victims' assistance program shall not restrict services only to victims or witnesses of a particular type of crime, but shall provide services to victims and witnesses generally. The program must also, in the determination of the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee, substantially accomplish the following:

(a) Provide comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crime with particular emphasis on serious crimes against persons and property, including, but not limited to:

(A) Informing victims and witnesses of their case status and progress;

(B) Performing advocate duties for victims within the criminal justice system;

(C) Assisting victims in recovering property damaged or stolen and in obtaining restitution or compensation for medical and other expenses incurred as a result of the criminal act;

(D) Preparing victims for pending court hearings by informing them of procedures involved;

(E) Accompanying victims to court hearings;

(F) Involving victims, when possible, in the decision-making process in the criminal justice system;

(G) Assisting victims in obtaining the return of property held as evidence;

(H) Assisting victims with personal logistical problems related to court appearances; and

(I) Developing community resources to assist victims of crime;

(b) Be administered by the district attorney of the county or city attorney of the city;

(c) Assist victims of crimes in the preparation and presentation of claims against the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account; and

(d) Generally encourage and facilitate testimony by victims of and witnesses to criminal conduct.

(3) If a proposed victims' assistance program, although not substantially comprising all elements described in subsection (2) of this section, nevertheless comprises a significant portion thereof and if, in the determination of the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee thereof, it would not be practicable at the current time for the district attorney or city attorney to establish a more comprehensive program, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee thereof may qualify the program under this section on a temporary basis and subject to such conditions as the Attorney General or the designee shall impose upon the program.

147.230 [Amended by 1973 c.836 §128; renumbered 133.833]

147.231 Disbursement of moneys to provide services to victims of crimes; rules. (1) Subject to the availability of sufficient funds in the Criminal Injuries Com-

ensation Account, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may make grants from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to eligible public or private nonprofit agencies that provide services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception. The Attorney General may not make grants unless there are sufficient funds in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to satisfy both the projected compensation claims of victims of violent crimes and the anticipated costs of complying with ORS 147.227 and of providing the funds deemed necessary by the Attorney General to comply with section 2, chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003. The grants authorized by this section are in addition to federal Victims of Crime Act grants that are administered by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

(2) Funds distributed under this section may be used only for services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception and may not be used to replace funds otherwise available for services to victims of crime.

(3) As used in this section, "services" includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Crisis intervention services;

(b) Providing, in an emergency, transportation to court, short-term child care, temporary housing and security measures;

(c) Assistance in participating in criminal justice proceedings;

(d) Preparation, publication and distribution of materials that inform victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception of the services that are available;

(e) Salaries of persons who provide direct services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception to the extent that the persons provide the services; and

(f) Counseling for victims of property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception.

(4) Applicants for grants under subsection (1) of this section shall:

(a) Certify that priority will be given to providing assistance to victims of violent crimes including, but not limited to, victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse; and

(b) Provide any information and assurances that the Department of Justice may require.

(5) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may administer the grants authorized by this section concurrently with

the administration of the federal Victims of Crime Act grants.

(6) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 to carry out the provisions of this section. [1997 c.758 §2; 2003 c.349 §2; 2003 c.789 §5]

Note: The amendments to 147.231 by section 7, chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003, become operative January 1, 2008. See section 9 (4), chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003. The text that is operative on and after January 1, 2008, is set forth for the user's convenience.

147.231. (1) Subject to the availability of sufficient funds in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may make grants from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to eligible public or private nonprofit agencies that provide services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception. The Attorney General may not make grants unless there are sufficient funds in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to satisfy both the projected compensation claims of victims of violent crimes and the anticipated costs of complying with ORS 147.227. The grants authorized by this section are in addition to federal Victims of Crime Act grants that are administered by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

(2) Funds distributed under this section may be used only for services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception and may not be used to replace funds otherwise available for services to victims of crime.

(3) As used in this section, "services" includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Crisis intervention services;

(b) Providing, in an emergency, transportation to court, short-term child care, temporary housing and security measures;

(c) Assistance in participating in criminal justice proceedings;

(d) Preparation, publication and distribution of materials that inform victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception of the services that are available;

(e) Salaries of persons who provide direct services to victims of violent crimes, property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception to the extent that the persons provide the services; and

(f) Counseling for victims of property crimes and crimes involving fraud and deception.

(4) Applicants for grants under subsection (1) of this section shall:

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(b) Provide any information and assurances that the Department of Justice may require.

(5) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may administer the grants authorized by this section concurrently with the administration of the federal Victims of Crime Act grants.

(6) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 to carry out the provisions of this section.

147.235 [1961 c.389 §3; renumbered 133.837]

147.240 Department of Justice to submit claims to account for payment of awards. After the entry of an award under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367, the De-

partment of Justice shall submit the claim for payment from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account pursuant to ORS 293.295 to 293.460 and 293.465 to 293.510. [1977 c.376 §23]

147.245 Disposition of moneys recovered from assailant; disposition of gifts or grants. (1) Any moneys recovered by the Department of Justice under ORS 147.281 to 147.298 and 147.345 shall be credited to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account.

(2) Any gifts, contributions, grants or federal funds specifically given to the department for the benefit of victims of crimes shall be credited to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. [1977 c.376 §24; 2005 c.383 §11]

147.250 [Renumbered 133.839]

147.253 [Renumbered 133.843]

147.255 Recovery of moneys paid on fraudulent claims; recovery of fees. The Department of Justice may institute suit:

(1) To recover any awards made because of fraudulent claims.

(2) On behalf of the applicant or recipient, to recover all fees paid to a counsel or agent in violation of ORS 147.315. [1977 c.376 §25]

147.256 [Renumbered 133.845]

147.259 [1983 c.725 §2; 1985 c.16 §448; 1985 c.761 §4; 1989 c.844 §2; repealed by 1987 c.905 §37]

147.260 [Renumbered 133.847]

147.265 [1983 c.725 §3; repealed by 1987 c.905 §37]

147.270 [Renumbered 133.853]

147.275 Proceeds of compensable crime; escrow account for benefit of victims; notice; distribution; hearing; rules; definitions. (1)(a) Before any person or other legal entity pays or delivers the proceeds of a compensable crime to any individual charged with or convicted of committing such a crime in this state or found guilty except for insanity with regard to such a crime, or to a representative or assignee of that individual, the person or legal entity shall promptly notify the Department of Justice and pay or deliver to the department the proceeds that would otherwise be paid to the individual charged, convicted or found guilty except for insanity, or the representative or assignee of the individual.

(b) When any person or other legal entity contracts to pay the proceeds of the compensable crime to any individual charged with or convicted of committing such a crime in this state or found guilty except for insanity with regard to such a crime, or whenever any person or other legal entity contracts with a representative or assignee of that individual to pay the proceeds of the compensable crime committed by that individual, the person or legal entity shall promptly submit

a copy of the contract to the Department of Justice and pay to the department any proceeds which otherwise, under the terms of the contract, would be paid to the accused or convicted individual, the person found guilty except for insanity or the representative or assignee of the individual.

(2) The department shall deposit proceeds received under this section in an escrow account established for the benefit of the victims or dependents of the victims of the crime for which the individual whose proceeds are placed in the escrow account is convicted or found guilty except for insanity. Proceeds in the escrow account shall be paid to satisfy judgments as provided in subsection (3) of this section or restitution orders under ORS 137.103 to 137.109.

(3) A person is entitled to payment of proceeds from the escrow account established under this section if:

(a) The person is the victim or a dependent of a deceased victim of a compensable crime for which the individual whose proceeds are placed in the escrow account is convicted or found guilty except for insanity; and

(b) Within five years after the establishment of the escrow account, the person commences a civil action against such individual in a court of competent jurisdiction and receives a money judgment for damages suffered as a result of the crime.

(4) The department, at least once every year for five years from the date it establishes the escrow account, shall cause to have published a legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the crime was committed and in the counties adjoining such county advising victims that the escrow proceeds are available to satisfy judgments pursuant to this section. The department may, in its discretion, provide for such additional notice as it considers necessary.

(5) Upon dismissal of charges or acquittal of any individual whose proceeds are placed in an escrow account under this section, the department shall immediately pay such individual the proceeds in the escrow account.

(6) Upon a showing by any convicted individual or the individual found guilty except for insanity that five years have elapsed from the establishment of the escrow account in which the individual's proceeds have been placed under this section and that no civil actions by victims or dependents of deceased victims of the individual's crime have been commenced, the department shall immediately pay any proceeds in the escrow account to such individual or the legal representative of the individual.

(7) Any action taken by an individual charged with or convicted of committing a compensable crime in this state, including, but not limited to, execution of a power of attorney or creation of a corporate entity, to defeat the purpose of this section is null and void. Any action taken by an individual found guilty except for insanity with regard to a compensable crime in this state is similarly null and void.

(8) When an escrow account has insufficient funds to meet all judgments presented by victims or their representatives, the escrow account shall be prorated among the victims or their representatives on the basis of the amounts of the unsatisfied judgments or partially satisfied judgments. There shall be no payment from the escrow account to a victim or a victim's representative until either the amounts of all unsatisfied judgments are determined, or it is determined that the payment for an unsatisfied judgment will not diminish the escrow account so that other potential victim claims could not be satisfied.

(9)(a) The Department of Justice may notify any person whom the department believes to be in possession of the proceeds of a compensable crime, or to have contracted to pay the proceeds of a compensable crime as described in subsection (1) of this section, of the requirements of this section.

(b) Any person who disputes whether that person either possesses or has contracted to pay the proceeds of a compensable crime may ask for a contested case hearing on the question before the department. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183.

(10) Notwithstanding subsection (9) of this section, the Department of Justice may seek provisional remedies, including garnishment or injunctive relief, to prevent the payment of money or property which the department asserts to be the proceeds of a compensable crime to an individual charged with or convicted of committing such a crime in this state or found guilty except for insanity with regard to such a crime, or to the representative or assignee of that individual, until the character of the property or money is determined.

(11) The Department of Justice may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section.

(12) As used in this section, "proceeds of a compensable crime" means any property or assets, tangible or intangible:

(a) That are obtained during the commission of the compensable crime; or

(b) That are obtained after commission of the crime primarily because of commission of the compensable crime.

(13) As used in this section, “proceeds of a compensable crime” does not include property or assets that have been forfeited pursuant to law or that constitute contraband. It also does not include property or assets in which the individual charged or convicted of committing a compensable crime has no legal or equitable interest. [1985 c.552 §3; 1987 c.158 §21; 1995 c.344 §1; 1997 c.249 §46]

147.280 [Renumbered 133.855]

(Recovery of Assistance)

147.281 Definitions. As used in ORS 147.281 to 147.298:

(1) “Action” means an action, suit or proceeding.

(2) “Assistance” means compensation paid by the Department of Justice under ORS 147.005 to 147.367 to or on behalf of an applicant or recipient.

(3) “Claim” means a claim of an applicant or recipient for damages for injuries against an assailant or any other person or entity alleged to be liable for the injury constituting the basis for the claim.

(4) “Compromise” means a compromise between an applicant or recipient and an assailant or any other person or entity against whom the applicant or recipient has a claim.

(5) “Judgment” means a judgment in an action brought by an applicant or recipient to enforce the claim of the applicant or recipient.

(6) “Recipient” means a person who has received assistance.

(7) “Settlement” means a settlement between an applicant or recipient and an assailant or any other person or entity against whom the applicant or recipient has a claim. [2005 c.383 §2]

147.283 Notice to Department of Justice of claim or action to enforce claim for injuries. An applicant or recipient shall promptly provide written notice to the Department of Justice when making a claim or bringing an action to enforce a claim for injuries that formed the basis for assistance. The notice must include the name and address of the assailant and of any other person or entity against whom the claim is made or action is brought. If the claim is made or the action is brought against a corporation, the notice must contain the address of the corporation’s principal place of business. If the applicant or recipient is a minor, the parents, legal guardian or foster parent of the applicant or recipient shall give the notice required by this section. [2005 c.383 §3]

147.285 Creation of lien. The Department of Justice has a lien upon the amount of any judgment in favor of the applicant or recipient and upon any amount payable to the applicant or recipient under a settlement or compromise for all assistance from the date of the injury that forms the basis of the assistance to the date of the satisfaction of the judgment or final payment under the settlement or compromise. [2005 c.383 §4]

147.287 Perfection of lien. (1) In order to perfect a lien under ORS 147.285, the Department of Justice shall do all of the following:

(a) Upon receiving notice under ORS 147.283, record a notice of lien in the County Clerk Lien Record of the county in which the person against whom the claim is made or action is brought resides. If the claim or action is against a corporation, the department shall record the notice of lien in the County Clerk Lien Record of the county in which the corporation has its principal place of business. If the claim or action is against a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, the department shall record the notice of lien in the County Clerk Lien Record of the county in which the public body has its main office.

(b) Prior to the date of the satisfaction of the judgment or final payment under a settlement or compromise, deliver a copy of the notice of lien by certified mail or personal service to all parties bound by the judgment, settlement or compromise or to an attorney or insurer that represents a party bound by the judgment, settlement or compromise. The department may send the notice by first class mail to any party, attorney or insurer that does not accept the certified mail containing the notice.

(2) Upon the recording of a notice of lien under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the recording officer shall enter the name of the injured person, the approximate date of the injury and the name of the department as a lienor in the hospital and physician lien docket under ORS 87.575 and shall make an index to the hospital and physician lien docket in the names of the injured person and the department. [2005 c.383 §5]

147.289 Notice of lien; form. The form of the notice of lien required by ORS 147.287 shall be substantially as follows:

Notice is given by this form that the Department of Justice has provided assistance to _____, a person who was injured on or about the ____ day of _____ in the city of _____ and State of _____, and the Department of Justice asserts a lien to the extent provided in ORS

147.285 for the amount of the assistance upon any amount due and owing _____ (name of injured person) under a judgment, settlement or compromise from _____ alleged to have caused such injuries and from any other person or entity liable for the injury or obligated to compensate the injured person on account of such injuries.

Department of Justice
by _____,
Attorney General or designee.

State of Oregon,)
) ss.
County of _____)

I, _____, being first duly sworn on oath say: That I am the Attorney General or designee; that I have read the foregoing notice of lien and know the contents of the notice of lien and believe the contents to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____, Notary Public.

[2005 c.383 §6]

147.290 [Amended by 1961 c.389 §1; renumbered 133.857]

147.292 Notice of amount of judgment, settlement or compromise. Immediately after a judgment has been rendered in favor of an applicant or recipient or a settlement or compromise has been agreed upon, all parties bound by the judgment, settlement or compromise shall provide written notice to the Department of Justice of the amount of the judgment, settlement or compromise. After receiving the notice, the department shall send by certified mail a statement of the amount of its lien to all parties bound by the judgment, settlement or compromise or to an attorney or insurer that represents a party bound by the judgment, settlement or compromise. The department may send the statement by first class mail to any party, attorney or insurer that does not accept the certified mail containing the statement. [2005 c.383 §7]

147.294 Liability of person making payment after notice of lien is recorded. After a notice of lien is recorded under ORS 147.287, a person or entity that makes a payment to the applicant or recipient or to the heirs, personal representatives, assigns or attorneys of the applicant or recipient under a judgment, settlement or compromise without first having paid to the Department of Justice the amount of the department's lien is liable to the department for the amount of the payment to the extent that the lien attached to the payment under ORS 147.285. [2005 c.383 §8]

147.296 Action for failure to provide notice. The Department of Justice has a cause of action against an applicant or recipient who fails to give the notice required by ORS 147.283 for amounts received by the applicant or recipient pursuant to a judgment, settlement or compromise to the extent that the department would have had a lien under ORS 147.285 upon the amounts had the notice been given. [2005 c.383 §9]

147.298 Where action may be initiated. The Department of Justice may initiate an action under ORS 147.294 and 147.296 in the circuit court for Marion County, the county where the compensable crime occurred or the county in which any party bound by the judgment, settlement or compromise resides. [2005 c.383 §10]

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

147.305 Effect of criminal conviction on compensation proceedings. If any person is convicted of a crime based on a compensable crime for which application for compensation is made, proof of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence that the crime was committed. [1977 c.376 §11]

147.315 Charging fees to applicants prohibited. No fee may be charged to the applicant in any proceeding under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367. [1977 c.376 §17]

147.325 Compensation not subject to assignment or legal process prior to receipt by beneficiary. No compensation payable under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 shall, prior to actual receipt thereof by the person or beneficiary eligible therefor, or their legal representatives, be assignable or subject to execution, garnishment, attachment or any other process, including process to satisfy an order or judgment for support or alimony. [1977 c.376 §18; 1991 c.862 §8]

147.335 Compensation rights not to survive beneficiary; death of beneficiary after filing of application. The rights to compensation created by ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 are personal and shall not survive the death of the person or beneficiary eligible therefor. However, if such death occurs after an application for compensation has been filed with the Department of Justice, the proceeding shall not abate, but may be continued by the legal representative of the decedent's estate. [1977 c.376 §19; 1991 c.862 §9]

147.345 State subrogated to rights accruing to beneficiary; suit by state against assailant; disposition of proceeds; settlement. (1) The acceptance of an award made pursuant to ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 shall subrogate the state, to the extent of such award, to any right or right of

action accruing to the applicant or recipient against the assailant or any other person or entity liable for the injury constituting the basis for the award.

(2)(a) On behalf of the state, the Department of Justice may bring suit against an assailant to recover the amount of compensation paid to an applicant or recipient of an award made pursuant to ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 as a result of the assailant's commission of a compensable crime. Before initiating a suit under this subsection, the Department of Justice must notify the applicant or recipient that the Department of Justice is going to initiate a suit. A suit under this subsection does not affect any right or right of action accruing to the applicant or recipient against the assailant for the injury constituting the basis for the award, except that the assailant may be able to offset payments made to the Department of Justice against any award to the applicant or recipient for the same damages. The assailant also may offset any payments the assailant has made to the applicant or recipient for the same damages against any recovery by the Department of Justice under this subsection.

(b) In a suit under this subsection, the Department of Justice may recover attorney fees and costs of suit.

(c) Each separate payment of compensation under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367 creates a cause of action under this subsection.

(3) Any settlement of a right or right of action against the assailant or any other person or entity by the victim or the dependent of the victim based on the compensable crime must be approved by the Department of Justice if the department has made an award to the victim or the dependent of the victim. If the settlement is not approved by the department, the department may void the settlement. [1977 c.376 §20; 1987 c.770 §8; 2001 c.371 §1]

147.355 [1977 c.376 §21; 2003 c.576 §389; repealed by 2005 c.383 §13]

147.365 Law enforcement agencies to inform crime victims of compensation procedure; agencies not civilly liable for failure to comply. (1) All law enforcement agencies in this state shall deliver cards to victims of crime stating the procedure to be followed in applying for compensation under ORS 135.905 and 147.005 to 147.367.

(2) No law enforcement agency shall be civilly liable for a failure to comply with subsection (1) of this section. [1977 c.376 §27]

SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF ACTS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

147.367 Services to victims of acts of mass destruction; Department of Justice.

(1) The Department of Justice may initiate and participate in planning, training and organizational efforts intended to prepare to deliver services to individuals traumatized by an act of war, terrorism or sabotage or a criminal act that results in the death of, or physical injury to, numerous individuals or that results in the massive destruction of property.

(2) The department may assist in delivering services to individuals traumatized by an act of war, terrorism or sabotage or a criminal act that results in the death of, or physical injury to, numerous individuals or that results in the massive destruction of property. [2003 c.770 §11]

147.375 [1987 c.241 §1; repealed by 2003 c.789 §10]

COMPENSATION FOR CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

147.390 Child abuse medical assessment; payment by department. (1) Notwithstanding that a child is not a victim under ORS 147.015 (1), in cases of suspected child sexual abuse as described in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(C), (D) or (E), or child physical abuse by an adult or caretaker as otherwise described in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(A), compensation may be made on behalf of the child for a child abuse medical assessment as defined in ORS 418.782, if:

(a) The expenses are actually paid or incurred by the applicant; and

(b) A claim is filed on behalf of the child in the manner provided in ORS 147.015.

(2) The Department of Justice may pay compensation for child abuse medical assessments directly to the provider of the services. The medical fee schedules for payment under this section shall be the schedules adopted under ORS 147.035. [1997 c.872 §25]

Note: 147.390 and 147.391 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 147 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

147.391 Limitation on obligation of Criminal Injuries Compensation Account under ORS 147.390. Notwithstanding ORS 147.390, when the moneys provided from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account for the purposes of ORS 147.390 are expended for any cumulative time period within any biennium, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account shall have no further obligations under ORS 147.390 for that time period. However, if the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account has unexpended mon-

eyes provided for at the end of any biennium, the balance shall be transferred to the account created by ORS 418.796. [1997 c.872 §26; 2001 c.829 §5]

Note: See note under 147.390.

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

147.405 Short title. Chapter 2, Oregon Laws 1987, shall be known as the "CRIME VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS." [1987 c.2 §1]

Note: Legislative Counsel has substituted "chapter 2, Oregon Laws 1987," for the words "this Act" in sections 1, 2 and 18, chapter 2, Oregon Laws 1987, compiled as 147.405, 147.410 and 147.415. Specific ORS references have not been substituted, pursuant to 173.160. These sections may be determined by referring to the 1987 Comparative Section Table located in Volume 20 of ORS.

147.410 Purpose. We, the people of the State of Oregon, declare that victims of crime are entitled to fair and impartial treatment in our criminal justice system. The purpose of chapter 2, Oregon Laws 1987, is to declare to our legislature and our courts that victims' rights shall be protected at each stage of the criminal justice system. We reject the notion that a criminal defendant's rights must be superior to all others. By chapter 2, Oregon Laws 1987, we seek to secure balanced justice by eliminating unbalanced rules. [1987 c.2 §2]

Note: See note under 147.405.

147.415 Severability. If any section, portion, clause or phrase of chapter 2, Oregon Laws 1987, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, portions, clauses and phrases shall not be affected but shall remain in full force in effect. [1987 c.2 §18]

Note: See note under 147.405.

147.417 Victim to be notified of constitutional rights. (1) As soon as is reasonably practicable in a criminal action in which there is a victim, a law enforcement agency shall notify a person who reasonably appears to be a victim of the offense of the person's rights under section 42, Article I of the Oregon Constitution. The notice may be verbal or written. If exercise of any of the rights depends upon the victim making a request, the law enforcement agency shall include in the notice the time period in which the victim is required to make the request. A law enforcement agency satisfies the requirements of this section if the law enforcement agency:

(a) Provides notice to the victim named in the accusatory instrument, the victim's guardian or, in a homicide case, the victim's next of kin; and

(b) Presents, if written notice is given, the notice directly to the victim or sends the

notice to the last address given to the law enforcement agency by the victim.

(2) Failure by a law enforcement agency to properly notify the victim as required by this section is not grounds for setting aside a conviction or withdrawing a plea. However, nothing in this section justifies such a failure.

(3)(a) As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" means the police agency that initially responds in the case, the police agency that investigates the case or the district attorney who prosecutes the case.

(b) The district attorney shall determine if the notice required by this section has been given and, if not, shall provide the notice. [1997 c.313 §5]

Note: 147.417, 147.419 and 147.421 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 147 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

147.419 Authority of victim to obtain copy of transcript or tape of criminal proceeding. In any criminal proceeding in which a transcript, audiotape or videotape of the proceedings held in open court is prepared, the victim may obtain a copy of the transcript or tape by paying the court or the person who prepared the transcript or tape the actual cost of copying it. [1997 c.313 §2]

Note: See note under 147.417.

147.421 Information about defendant that public body is required to provide to victim. (1) If a public body is the custodian of any of the following information, upon the request of the victim, the public body shall provide to the victim any of the following information of which it is the custodian and that is about the defendant or convicted criminal:

- (a) The conviction and sentence;
- (b) Criminal history;
- (c) Imprisonment; and
- (d) Future release from physical custody.

(2) A public body, in its discretion, may provide the requested information by furnishing the victim with copies of public records. The public body may charge the victim its actual cost for making public records available as provided in ORS 192.440 (3).

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Criminal history" means a description of the prior arrests, convictions and sentences of the person.

(b) "Future release" means the projected or scheduled date of release of the person from confinement, the name and location of the correctional facility from which the person is to be released and the community

where the person is scheduled to reside upon release.

(c) "Imprisonment" means the name and location of the correctional facility in which the person is confined.

(d) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 192.410. [1997 c.313 §6]

Note: See note under 147.417.

147.425 Personal representative. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health care provider" has the meaning given that term in ORS 192.519.

(b) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(A) A city or municipal police department.

(B) A county sheriff's office.

(C) The Oregon State Police.

(D) A district attorney.

(E) A special campus security officer commissioned under ORS 352.385 or 353.050.

(c) "Person crime" means a person felony or person Class A misdemeanor, as those terms are defined in the rules of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

(d) "Personal representative" means a person selected under subsection (2) of this section to accompany the victim of a crime to certain phases of an investigation and prosecution.

(e) "Protective service worker" means an employee or contractor of a local or state agency whose role it is to protect children or vulnerable adults from abuse or neglect.

(2) A victim of a person crime, who is at least 15 years of age at the time the crime is committed, may select a person who is at least 18 years of age as the victim's personal representative for purposes of this section. The victim may not select a person who is a suspect in, or a party or witness to, the crime as a personal representative.

(3) Except for grand jury proceedings and child abuse assessments occurring at a child advocacy center recognized by the Department of Justice, a personal representative may accompany the victim to those phases of the investigation, including medical examinations, and prosecution of the crime at which the victim is entitled or required to be present.

(4) A health care provider, law enforcement agency, protective service worker or court may not prohibit a personal representative from accompanying a victim as authorized by subsection (3) of this section unless the health care provider, law enforcement agency, protective service worker or court believes that the personal representative would compromise the process.

(5) A health care provider, law enforcement agency, protective service worker or court is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to a decision under subsection (4) of this section to prohibit a personal representative from accompanying a victim.

(6) The fact that a personal representative was allowed or was not allowed to accompany a victim may not be used as a basis for excluding otherwise admissible evidence.

(7) The fact that a victim has or has not selected a personal representative under this section may not be used as evidence in the criminal case. [2005 c.490 §1]

Note: 147.425 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 147 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

OREGON DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES FUND

147.450 Definitions. As used in ORS 147.450 to 147.471 and section 31, chapter 870, Oregon Laws 2001:

(1) "Domestic violence" has the meaning given that term in ORS 135.230; and

(2) "Sexual assault" means any unwanted sexual contact as defined in ORS 163.305. [2001 c.870 §23]

Note: 147.450 to 147.471 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 147 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

147.453 Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund. There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice and shall be used by the department to carry out a program of domestic and sexual violence services that:

(1) Provides safety for and assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, promotes effective intervention and reduces the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault;

(2) Advocates for victims and for domestic violence and sexual assault services; and

(3) Promotes and facilitates interagency and interdepartmental cooperation among state agencies, including the Department of Human Services and the Department of State Police, and among different levels of government in this state in the delivery and funding of services. [2001 c.870 §24]

Note: See note under 147.450.

147.456 Plan for allocation of funds; Department of Justice. (1) Prior to January 1, 2002, the Department of Justice shall develop a plan for the allocation of funds that are appropriated under section 32, chapter 870, Oregon Laws 2001, in collaboration with:

- (a) The Department of Human Services;
- (b) The Department of State Police;
- (c) The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;
- (d) The Governor's Council on Domestic Violence;
- (e) The Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force;
- (f) Victims of domestic and sexual violence;
- (g) Representatives of county governments and county human services departments;
- (h) Representatives of local domestic violence councils;
- (i) Representatives of domestic violence victim services providers or advocacy organizations; and
- (j) Other interested organizations.

(2) The plan developed under subsection (1) of this section shall:

- (a) Set the criteria, procedures and timelines for allocation of funds;
- (b) Establish uniform systems for reporting requirements, collecting statistical data and reporting measurable outcomes for programs that receive funding;
- (c) Set guidelines for the planning, coordination and delivery of services by programs that receive funding;
- (d) Provide a process whereby the Department of Justice may review all findings from data collected from programs that receive funding. If the department conducts a review, the department shall use the information to develop future economic resources and services and to coordinate services; and
- (e) Further the purposes set forth in ORS 147.453. [2001 c.870 §26]

Note: See note under 147.450.

147.459 Considerations in developing plan. The Department of Justice, in developing the plan under ORS 147.456, shall consider ways to:

- (1) Balance funding for intervention, infrastructure and prevention services;
- (2) Prioritize services;
- (3) Utilize local community plans reflecting local program service needs;

(4) Establish programs and services for victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault;

(5) Establish programs that are culturally specific; and

(6) Ensure that there is a coordinated community response to domestic violence and sexual assault and, to the extent practicable, ensure that domestic violence and sexual assault services are coordinated with other community services. [2001 c.870 §29]

Note: See note under 147.450.

147.462 Limits on expenditures from fund. In administering the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund, the Department of Justice shall:

(1) Expend no less than 15 percent of moneys distributed under the plan on sexual assault services; and

(2) Expend no more than five percent of the moneys distributed under the plan on administrative costs. [2001 c.870 §28]

Note: See note under 147.450.

147.465 Grantmaking; rules. (1) If sufficient funds are available in the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may make grants from the fund to carry out the plan developed under ORS 147.456.

(2) The Attorney General may hire staff necessary to accomplish the purposes of the plan developed under ORS 147.456.

(3) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the Attorney General shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 147.450 to 147.471 and section 31, chapter 870, Oregon Laws 2001. [2001 c.870 §25]

Note: See note under 147.450.

147.468 Authority of Department of Justice. To the extent that funds are available, the Department of Justice may:

(1) Pursue centralized training, technical assistance, policy development and implementation;

(2) Conduct statewide community outreach and public education;

(3) Develop innovative projects based on demonstrated effectiveness that address domestic and sexual violence;

(4) Provide information and policy advice based on current research and demonstrated effectiveness in Oregon and other states, including successful local strategies; and

(5) Compile, analyze and distribute materials to inform and support statewide coordinated planning. [2001 c.870 §27]

Note: See note under 147.450.

147.471 Advisory council. (1) After development of the plan described in ORS 147.456 and presentation of the plan to the appropriate interim legislative committee as required in section 31, chapter 870, Oregon Laws 2001, there is created an advisory council that shall consist of at least 15, but not more than 20, members. The council shall advise the Department of Justice on the administration of the policies and practices of the domestic and sexual violence services program. Members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General. Membership in the council shall:

(a) Accurately reflect the diversity of the population in Oregon as well as the diversity of individuals needing services;

(b) Be composed of both lay and professionally trained individuals with expertise in domestic violence and sexual assault services;

(c) Include representatives of other state agencies providing services;

(d) Include representatives of professional, civil or other public or private organizations;

(e) Include private citizens interested in service programs; and

(f) Include recipients of assistance or services or their representatives.

(2) Members of the advisory council may not receive compensation for their services. Members of the advisory council other than members employed in full-time public service shall be reimbursed by the Department of Justice for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The reimbursement shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 292.210 to 292.288. Members of the advisory council who are employed in full-time public service may be reimbursed by their employing agencies for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. [2001 c.870 §30]

Note: See note under 147.450.
