

(2) \$125,000 INTO THE VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 770A OF THE CODE.

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishment

770A.

(A) (1) THERE IS A VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION FUND.

(2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(3) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(4) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

(5) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION OR RELOCATION SHALL BE RETAINED TO THE CREDIT OF THE FUND.

(6) THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS AS PROVIDED UNDER § 2-1215 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(7) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE FUND FROM RECEIVING FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

(B) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION PROGRAM UNDER § 770 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in Fiscal Year 1996, any unspent balance of an appropriation to the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program shall revert to the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund.

SECTION 2. ~~3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 588

(House Bill 898)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety Financing Reform Act of 1996
Court Costs – State Aid for Police Protection, Criminal Injuries Compensation, and
Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation