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TITLE: CONCERNING THE OVERSIGHT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AND REPEALING THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Crime Victim Services Advisory Board in the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), Department of Pubic Safety. The bill specifies criteria for each of 17 members of the board, as well as their terms of service. The board's powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- the development and revision of standards for the administration of the Crime Victim Compensation Fund and the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Funds in each judicial district, along with sanctions for violating the standards;
- reviewing reports of noncompliance with the Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act;
- distributing profits from crime according to statute;
- advising and making recommendations to the DCJ concerning the award of grants from the state Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund; and
- the creation of subcommittees to accomplish the duties of the board.

All records submitted to or generated by the board are confidential and any victim-identifying information must be redacted from documents released to the public (i.e., noncompliance reports).

The bill repeals certain crime-victim-related boards and committees, and it removes specifications in existing law regarding which entities may apply for grants to provide services to crime victims. The bill becomes effective July 1, 2009.

Assessment

This bill combines several existing crime-victim-related boards into a single advisory board. The consolidation will streamline the process of applying for funding for crime victims by reducing the number of entities to which applicants must submit documentation. The DCJ currently provides staff support to various boards and committees and providing the same support to a single board will not substantially change the level of resources utilized by the department. This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Public Safety