

Crime Victims Compensation Board—Awards to Victims; HB 2574

HB 2574 amends law related to awards by the Crime Victims Compensation Board.

The bill raises the award limit for funeral and related expenses from \$5,000 to \$7,500 and raises the award limit for crime scene cleanup from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

The bill amends the definition of “crime scene cleanup” to state it may include replacement of materials that were removed because such materials were biohazardous or were damaged as part of evidence collection.

The bill restores to the list of victims who may be awarded compensation for mental health counseling certain victims removed from eligibility in 2021: victims who are required to testify in a sexually violent predator commitment, are notified that DNA testing of a sexual assault kit or other evidence has revealed a DNA profile of a suspected offender who victimized the victim, or are notified of the identification of a suspected offender who victimized the victim, if such claims are made within two years of the testimony or notification, respectively.

The bill removes a prohibition on compensation if economic loss is less than \$100.