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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 557

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 557 would enable the Attorney General to transfer up to \$100,000 from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund to the Crime Victims Assistance Fund. The transfer would be made by the Director of Accounts and Reports in an amount certified by the Attorney General.

Background

SB 557 would make statutory a policy that has been implemented in appropriations bills for two years (FY 2003 and FY 2004). The reason for the policy is that the Crime Victims Assistance Fund derives its revenues from fines, penalties, and forfeitures, which have experienced a shortfall since 2001. At the request of the Attorney General in 2002, the Legislature authorized a transfer from the larger Crime Victims Compensation Fund to the Crime Victims Assistance Fund of up to \$100,000 in an appropriations bill, if necessary, to stabilize the smaller fund. The Legislature authorized the transfer again in an appropriations bill for FY 2004. Enactment of SB 557 would make the policy permanent.

The Crime Victims Assistance Fund provides grants for local victims rights programs. There would be no fiscal impact to the State General Fund due to passage of the bill.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>