

~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ (4) The Comptroller shall pay out moneys from the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund as approved by the Board of Victim Services under §§ 9-1701 through 9-1708 of the State Government Article.

~~(e)~~~~(f)~~ A political subdivision may not be held liable under any condition for the payment of sums under this section.

17A.

(A) (1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED A CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND ~~ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.~~

(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 CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION SHALL BE RETAINED TO THE CREDIT OF THE FUND.

(6) THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE DIVISION OF AUDITS AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 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) (1) THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION ACT AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND MAY BE USED FOR:

(I) ANY AWARD GIVEN UNDER THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION ACT; AND

(II) THE ACTUAL COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION ACT.

#### ~~Article 27—Crimes and Punishments~~

764.

~~(k)~~ (1) ~~The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund shall be used for the purpose of implementation of the guidelines for treatment and assistance for crime victims and witnesses described in [Article 27, § 761 of the Code] § 761 OF THIS ARTICLE and other laws adopted to benefit victims and witnesses of crime OR DELINQUENT ACTS.~~

(2) ~~Any cost for the administration of the Fund may be paid from the Fund.~~