- (c) Membership on the Council does not constitute holding an office of profit.
- (d) The Council shall designate from among its members a chairman and vice chairman who shall serve for a term of two years and who are eligible for reelection. The Council shall meet at least four times each year and shall hold special meetings when called by the chairman, or in the absence of the chairman by the vice chairman, or when called by the chairman upon the written request of three Council members. A majority of the Council members constitutes a quorum. The Council shall establish its own procedures and requirements with respect to its meetings, deliberations, and the administration of the functions of the Council.
- (e) The State's Attorneys' Coordinator shall serve as the secretary to the Council and perform the duties and responsibilities the Council directs in order to carry out the functions of the Council.
- (F) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES, GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION FUND PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 770 OF THE CODE.

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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A crime victim or witness should:

- (1) Be informed by appropriate criminal justice agencies of these guidelines;
- (2) Be treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity;
- (3) Receive crisis intervention assistance, if needed, or be informed by the appropriate criminal justice agency where crisis intervention assistance, emergency medical treatment, creditor intercession services, or other social services and counseling may be obtained;
- (5) Be advised of the protection available, and, on request, be protected by criminal justice agencies, to the extent reasonable, practicable, and, in the agency's discretion, necessary, from harm or threats of harm arising out of the crime victim's or witness's cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts;
- (7) Be informed by the appropriate criminal justice agency of financial assistance, criminal injuries compensation, and any other social services available as a result of being a crime victim and receive assistance or information on how to apply for services;

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- (A)  $\stackrel{\text{(1)}}{}$  THERE IS A VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION FUND PROGRAM.
- (2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO \$ 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.