

~~4-515.1.~~

~~(A) THERE IS A VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND.~~

~~(B) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN EACH COUNTY AND TO STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.~~

~~(2) GRANTS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN EACH COUNTY SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED UNDER § 4-509 OF THIS SUBTITLE FROM EACH COUNTY.~~

~~(C) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~(D) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR, THE FUND.~~

~~(E) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.~~

~~(F) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS SHALL BE RETAINED TO THE CREDIT OF THE FUND.~~

~~(G) THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 2-1215 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~(H) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL ONLY BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET PRIOR TO THE EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.~~

~~(I) DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND SHALL SUPPLEMENT AND MAY NOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR OTHER FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.~~

~~(J) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE FUND FROM RECEIVING FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

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