

(f) "Victim" means an individual who suffers personal injury or death as a direct result of a crime.

(g) "Victim Services Coordinator" means the person who is appointed under the provisions of [§ 9-1708 of this subtitle] § 844 OF THIS SUB-SUBHEADING.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is transferred from SG § 9-1701.

The reference to the "Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention" is substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "Governor's Office of Justice Administration". See Executive Order 01.01.1995.18.

The only other changes are in style.

### 838. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

In recognition that State and local law, programs, and procedures must be continually updated to meet the unique needs of [crime victims] VICTIMS OF CRIME, the General Assembly finds that:

(1) there is a need for the State Board of Victim Services and the position of "Victim Services Coordinator" for the purpose of monitoring, assessing, coordinating, and making recommendations concerning State and local efforts to assist victims of crimes;

(2) the Victim Services Program should be transferred to be under the authority of the [Governor's Office of Justice Administration] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION; and

(3) the administrative consolidation effected by this transfer will minimize fragmentation of functions that the State government performs on behalf of [crime victims] VICTIMS OF CRIME and assist in the coordination, efficiency, and greater effectiveness of State assistance to victims of crime.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is transferred from SG § 9-1702.

In item (2) of this section, the reference to the "Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention" is substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "Governor's Office of Justice Administration". See Executive Order 01.01.1995.18.

The only other changes are in style.

### 839. BOARD ESTABLISHED.

There is in the [Governor's Office of Justice Administration] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION, created by Executive Order [01.01.1992.02] 01.01.1995.18, or in any successor unit, a State Board of Victim Services.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is transferred from SG § 9-1703.

The reference to the "Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention" is substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "Governor's Office of Justice Administration". Accordingly, the cross-reference to the Executive