

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

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "VICTIM" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS DIRECT OR THREATENED PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR FINANCIAL HARM AS A DIRECT RESULT OF A CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACT, INCLUDING A FAMILY MEMBER OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR, INCOMPETENT, OR HOMICIDE VICTIM.

(3) "CLERK" MEANS THE CLERK OF A CIRCUIT COURT OR THE CLERK OF A COURT SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT, AS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES.

(4) "STATE'S ATTORNEY" INCLUDES:

(I) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DESIGNEE; AND

(II) AT THE TRIAL LEVEL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE.

(B) ON FIRST CONTACT WITH A VICTIM, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER, OR JUVENILE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL GIVE THE VICTIM A COPY OF THE PAMPHLET DESCRIBED IN § 9-1705(8)(I) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(C) (1) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE LATER OF THE FILING OR THE UNSEALING OF AN INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION IN CIRCUIT COURT, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL:

(I) MAIL OR OTHERWISE DELIVER TO THE VICTIM A COPY OF THE PAMPHLET DESCRIBED IN § 9-1705(8)(II) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(II) MAIL OR OTHERWISE DELIVER TO THE VICTIM A COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION REQUEST FORM DESCRIBED IN § 9-1705(9) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; AND

(III) CERTIFY TO THE CLERK THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH OR IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE VICTIM.

(2) ON THE FILING OF A PETITION ALLEGING DELINQUENCY IN A CASE IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED AN ACT THAT COULD ONLY BE TRIED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL:

(I) INFORM THE VICTIM OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST RESTITUTION UNDER § 3-829 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE;