

9-1702.

In recognition that State and local law, programs, and procedures must be continually updated to meet the unique needs of crime victims, 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] 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 and assist in the coordination, efficiency, and greater effectiveness of State assistance to victims of crime.

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There is in the Governor's Office of [Justice Administration,] 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.

9-1704.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [17] 22 members who shall serve without compensation.

(2) The Board shall consist of:

(iv) [3] 6 members of the public, appointed by the Governor, on the recommendation of the Executive Director;

(v) [2] 4 professional victim service providers, appointed by the Governor, on recommendation of the Executive Director;

9-1705.

Subject to the authority of the Executive Director, the Board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) to render each year to the Governor a written report of its activities, including the administration of the Fund;

(2) to monitor service needs of victims;

(3) to advise the Governor on the needs of victims;

(4) (i) to recommend the appointment of the Victim Services Coordinator to the Executive Director; and