

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is transferred from Art. 26A, § 18 of the Code.

The only change is in style.

833. RESERVED.

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VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – SERVICES

VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION PROGRAM

[770.] 835. VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION PROGRAM.

(a) There is a Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program.

(b) The Program shall be administered by the State's Attorneys' Coordinator under Article 10, § 41B of the Code in accordance with regulations adopted by the State's Attorneys' Coordination Council under Article 10, § 41D of the Code after consultation with the State Board of Victim Services.

(c) Money appropriated to the Program shall be used to:

- (1) Protect victims and witnesses and the families of victims and witnesses;
- (2) Relocate victims and witnesses for the purpose of protecting them or facilitating their participation in court proceedings; and
- (3) Pay any costs of administering the Program.

(d) To the extent possible, the Program shall be used to maximize the use of federal matching funds or programs.

(e) Expenditures under this section shall be made pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget.

(f) The Program shall be subject to an audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided under § 2-1215 of the State Government Article.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 27, § 770 of the Code.

There are no changes.

836. RESERVED.

BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

837. DEFINITIONS.

(a) In this [subtitle] SUB-SUBHEADING the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of Victim Services.

(c) (1) "Crime" means an act that is committed by any person in the State that would constitute a crime under [Article 27 of the Code] THIS ARTICLE or at common law.