

(1) A SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A PERSON; OR

(2) A PERSON WHO IS DEPENDENT ON ANOTHER PERSON FOR PRINCIPAL SUPPORT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 819(a)(2), (3), (5), and (6).

The term "dependent" is defined for purposes of this subtitle to allow concise and consistent reference to persons who, because of relationship or dependence on a victim who dies, may be eligible for an award under this subtitle.

The former law specified that persons eligible for awards include:

(1) a surviving spouse or child of "a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of a crime" or "a person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in the person's presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in the person's presence or had, in fact, committed a felony"; and

(2) a person dependent for principal support upon "a victim of a crime who died as a result of a crime" or "any person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in the person's presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in the person's presence or had, in fact, committed a felony".

This subsection deletes as redundant these descriptions of victims and other persons to whom dependents are attached because the defined term "dependent" is always used in connection with the defined term "victim", in whose definition the identical descriptions appear.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

(F) VICTIM.

"VICTIM" MEANS A PERSON:

(1) WHO SUFFERS PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH AS A RESULT OF A CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACT;

(2) WHO SUFFERS PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY AS A DIRECT RESULT OF:

(I) A FOURTH DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE OR A DELINQUENT ACT THAT WOULD BE A FOURTH DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT;

(II) A FELONY OR A DELINQUENT ACT THAT WOULD BE A FELONY IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT; OR

(III) PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM A CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACT; OR

(3) WHO SUFFERS PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH AS A DIRECT RESULT OF: