

(2) The Attorney General may bring an action of interpleader or an action for declaratory judgment when the Attorney General is unable to determine the priority of claims and the proper disposition of the escrow account.

(j) (1) There is established a Maryland Victims of Crime Fund Account in the General Fund of the State.

(2) The Fund is a special continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The treasurer shall separately hold, and the Comptroller shall account for, the Fund.

(4) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(5) Any investment earnings shall be retained to the credit of the Fund.

(6) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the division of audits as provided for in § 2-1215 of the State Government Article.

(7) Disbursements from the fund shall supplement and may not be a substitute for any state, local government, or other funds for assistance to crime victims or witnesses existing as of July 1, 1991.

(8) This section may not be construed to prohibit the Fund from receiving funds from any other source.

(k) (1) The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund shall be used for the purpose of implementation of the guidelines for treatment and assistance for crime victims and witnesses described in Article 27, § 761 of the Code and other laws adopted to benefit victims and witnesses of crime.

(2) Any cost for the administration of the Fund may be paid from the Fund.

(3) The Fund shall be administered by the State Board of Victim Services under Title 6.5 of the State Government Article.

(l) After payment of the claims described in subsection (i) of this section, the Attorney General shall deposit the moneys remaining in the escrow account in the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund Account.

(m) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Attorney General has exclusive jurisdiction and control as escrow agent over any moneys or other consideration subject to this section.

(2) A distribution of moneys in an escrow account may be made only by a determination and order of the Attorney General under this section.

(3) The Attorney General may adopt regulations for the purpose of implementation of this section.