

(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; 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.

[6.5-201.] 9-1703.

There is IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION, CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1992.02, OR IN ANY SUCCESSOR UNIT, a State Board of Victim Services [in the Office of the Attorney General].

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(a) (1) The Board consists of ~~16~~ 17 members who shall serve without compensation.

(2) The Board shall consist of:

(I) THE GOVERNOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE, AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER, WHO SHALL BE CHAIRMAN;

[(i)] (II) the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee[, as an ex officio member, who shall be chairman];

[(ii)] (III) 2 State's Attorneys, appointed by the Governor, on the recommendation of the Attorney General;

[(iii)] (IV) 3 members of the public, appointed by the Governor, on the recommendation of the [Attorney General] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;

[(iv)] (V) 2 professional victim service providers, appointed by the Governor, on recommendation of the [Attorney General] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;

[(v)] (VI) the chairperson of the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board;

[(vi)] (VII) 1 member of the judiciary of the State, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;

[(vii)] (VIII) a representative of the Maryland State Sheriff's Association, appointed by the Governor;