

[6.5-204.] 9-1706.

(a) The [Attorney General] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR shall appoint a Victim Services Coordinator.

(b) Subject to the authority of the [Attorney General] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, the Victim Services Coordinator shall:

- (1) provide staff support to the Board on victim services matters;
- (2) monitor, assess, and make recommendations concerning State and local victim compensation programs and procedures;
- (3) provide technical assistance to local public and private programs that provide victim assistance;
- (4) perform research and gather data on victims and victim assistance programs, and disseminate that data to the public;
- (5) submit to THE GOVERNOR, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Board an annual report which includes recommendations as to how victim assistance programs may be improved;
- (6) ensure that the rights of victims are observed and assist victims in attaining the information to which victims have a right; and
- (7) monitor compliance with the guidelines for treatment of and assistance to victims and witnesses set under Article 27, § 761 of the Code and such other guidelines for treatment of victims of crimes and offenses as may be adopted in the future.

[6.5-205.] 9-1707.

The Victim Services Coordinator shall receive an annual salary as provided in the State budget.

[6.5-206.] 9-1708.

(a) The Office of Justice [Assistance] ADMINISTRATION shall adopt regulations that provide for the administration and award of grants under this title.

(b) Grant applications that are approved by the Office OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION shall be submitted to the Board for final approval before the release of any moneys from the Fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the title name "Title 6.5. Victim Services" of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the various subtitles of the Article - State Government be repealed.