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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N   A C T**

**RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION**

Introduced By: Representatives Furtado, Stewart, McGaw, Dawson, Cotter, Potter, Donovan, Alzate, Messier, and Kislak

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

(General Treasurer)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1        SECTION 1. Sections 12-25-20 and 12-25-21 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-25

2        entitled "Criminal Injuries Compensation" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3        **12-25-20. Offenses to which chapter applies.**

4        The office may award compensation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for  
5        personal injury or death which resulted from offenses in the following categories:

6            (1) Assault with intent to commit murder, robbery, or rape;

7            (2) Assault with a dangerous weapon;

8            (3) Assault and battery;

9            (4) Mayhem;

10           (5) Indecent assault and battery on a child under thirteen (13) years of age;

11           (6) Arson or statutory burning;

12           (7) Kidnapping;

13           (8) Robbery ~~or larceny from that person~~;

14           (9) Murder;

15           (10) Manslaughter;

16           (11) First or second degree sexual assault;

17           (12) Child molestation, first or second degree;

18           (13) ~~The abominable and detestable crime against nature or assault with intent to commit~~

19           ~~the abominable and detestable crime against nature~~ Stalking pursuant to § 11-59-2;

### **12-25-21. Nature of compensation.**

14 (2) Pecuniary loss to the dependents of the deceased victim;

15 (3) Any other pecuniary loss resulting from the personal injury or death of the victim, the

16 amount of which the office finds upon the evidence to be reasonable and necessary;

17 (4) The administrator may issue a supplemental award for compensation for additional  
18 medical expenses, including psychiatric care and mental health counseling, provided that the victim  
19 provides proper documentation that the additional medical expenses have been actually and  
20 reasonably incurred as a direct result of the personal injury. The administrator shall issue a  
21 supplemental award as long as the total award does not exceed the maximum award allowable  
22 under this chapter;

1                   (7) Where an individual has been the victim of stalking, the administrator may only award  
2                   emergency compensation for relocation or for reasonable modifications to a victim's residence  
3                   under § 12-25-21.1. Victims of stalking shall not be entitled to compensation for any other expense  
4                   unless they were the victim of another compensable offense under § 12-25-20.

5                   (b) In determining the amount of the judgment or order approving a settlement, the office  
6                   shall take into consideration the rates and amounts payable for injuries and death under other  
7                   statutes of this state and of the United States, and the amount of revenue in the violent crimes  
8                   indemnity account and the number and nature of claims pending against it. The office shall make  
9                   every effort to ensure that compensation awards are paid within six (6) months of the date of  
10                  application.

11                  SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This act would permit victims of stalking to recover expenses related to relocation or home
- 2        modification under the crime victim compensation program, and would remove larceny and the
- 3        abominable and detestable crime against nature or assault with intent to commit the abominable
- 4        and detestable crime against nature as compensable offenses.
- 5        This act would take effect upon passage.

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