

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0201

Crime victim service providers funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Diercks, Hinckley, Osborn  
and Warren and Senator(s) Burns and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crime victim services; establishing a  
2 funding formula for crime victim service providers;  
3 specifying duties of the victim services division and crime  
4 victim service providers that receive state funding;  
5 requiring rulemaking; providing an appropriation; and  
6 providing for effective dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-40-118 by creating a new subsection  
11 (g) is amended to read:

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13 **1-40-118. Distribution of monies to crime victim**  
14 **service providers.**

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1       (g) To the extent the legislature provides funding  
2 for crime victim service providers, the division of victim  
3 services shall:

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5       (i) Distribute the state funding provided for  
6 crime victim service providers as follows:

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8           (A) No less than two percent (2%) of the  
9 total amount of state funding shall be distributed to each  
10 county and the Wind River Indian Reservation for crime  
11 victim service providers within the county or within the  
12 Wind River Indian Reservation that meet the requirements  
13 established by the division of victim services;

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15           (B) Of the remaining state funding under  
16 this subsection, amounts shall be distributed to the crime  
17 victim service providers within the counties and the Wind  
18 River Indian Reservation on a proportional basis according  
19 to each county's and the reservation's population as  
20 established in the most recent federal decennial census.  
21 For purposes of the distribution under this subparagraph,  
22 the population residing on the Wind River Indian  
23 Reservation shall be determined separate from the balance  
24 of the population of Fremont county.

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2 (ii) Require victim or witness service providers3 to:

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5 (A) Provide the services specified under  
6 subsection (a) of this section;

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8 (B) Advocate to ensure victims are allowed  
9 to exercise their rights under the victims bill of rights  
10 established in W.S. 1-40-203;

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12 (C) Submit their long-term strategic plans  
13 to the division of victim services for approval.

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15 (iii) Establish minimum program standards and  
16 uniform reporting procedures for community based services  
17 that receive state funding under this subsection through  
18 rules and regulations adopted in accordance with W.S.  
19 9-1-638(a)(vii).

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21 **Section 2.** There is appropriated for the fiscal year  
22 beginning July 1, 2005, one million five hundred thousand  
23 dollars (\$1,500,000.00) from the general fund to the victim

1 services division within the office of the attorney general  
2 to implement the purposes of this act.

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4 **Section 3.**

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6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
7 section, this act is effective July 1, 2005.

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9 (b) W.S. 1-40-118(g)(iii), as created in section 1 of  
10 this act, is effective immediately upon completion of all  
11 acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by  
12 Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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14 (END)