

HOUSE BILL 445

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VICTIMS OF CRIME; EXPANDING THE APPLICATION OF THE
VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT; REMOVING THE DEFINITION OF AND REFERENCES
TO "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; REDEFINING "VICTIM" TO INCLUDE PERSONS
DIRECTLY AND PROXIMATELY HARMED BY ALL CRIME RESULTING IN
BODILY HARM OR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO THE PERSON'S PROPERTY;
DEFINING "OFFENDER"; REDEFINING "FORMALLY CHARGED" TO INCLUDE
THE FILING OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT; PROVIDING THAT VICTIMS'
RIGHTS INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO NOTICE OF AN OFFENDER'S RELEASE
PRE- AND POST-CONVICTION; PROVIDING THAT THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TAKE EFFECT WHEN A VICTIM REPORTS A
CRIMINAL OFFENSE; PROVIDING THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATING
A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST A VICTIM SHALL TREAT THE VICTIM WITH
FAIRNESS AND RESPECT THE VICTIM'S DIGNITY AND PRIVACY AND SHALL
TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO PROVIDE FOR THE VICTIM'S PROTECTION;
REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE

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1 COURTS, THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND EACH BOARD OF COUNTY
2 COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION
3 SYSTEMS FOR VICTIMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VICTIMS OF CRIME
4 ACT; MAKING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

7 SECTION 1. Section 31-26-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
8 Chapter 144, Section 2) is amended to read:

9 "31-26-2. PURPOSE OF ACT.--Recognizing the state's
10 concern for victims of crime, [~~it is~~] the purpose of the
11 Victims of Crime Act is to [~~assure~~] ensure that:

12 A. the full impact of a crime is brought to the
13 attention of a court;

14 B. victims [~~of violent crimes~~] are treated with
15 dignity, respect and sensitivity at all stages of the criminal
16 justice process;

17 C. victims' rights are protected by law enforcement
18 agencies, prosecutors and judges as vigorously as are the
19 rights of criminal defendants; and

20 D. the provisions of Article 2, Section 24 of the
21 constitution of New Mexico are implemented in statute."

22 SECTION 2. Section 31-26-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
23 Chapter 144, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "31-26-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Victims of Crime
25 Act:

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1 A. "court" means magistrate court, metropolitan
2 court, children's court, district court, the court of appeals
3 or the supreme court;

4 ~~[B. "criminal offense" means:~~

5 ~~(1) negligent arson resulting in death or~~
6 ~~bodily injury, as provided in Subsection B of Section 30-17-5~~
7 ~~NMSA 1978;~~

8 ~~(2) aggravated arson, as provided in Section~~
9 ~~30-17-6 NMSA 1978;~~

10 ~~(3) aggravated assault, as provided in Section~~
11 ~~30-3-2 NMSA 1978;~~

12 ~~(4) aggravated battery, as provided in Section~~
13 ~~30-3-5 NMSA 1978;~~

14 ~~(5) dangerous use of explosives, as provided~~
15 ~~in Section 30-7-5 NMSA 1978;~~

16 ~~(6) negligent use of a deadly weapon, as~~
17 ~~provided in Section 30-7-4 NMSA 1978;~~

18 ~~(7) murder, as provided in Section 30-2-1 NMSA~~
19 ~~1978;~~

20 ~~(8) voluntary manslaughter, as provided in~~
21 ~~Section 30-2-3 NMSA 1978;~~

22 ~~(9) involuntary manslaughter, as provided in~~
23 ~~Section 30-2-3 NMSA 1978;~~

24 ~~(10) kidnapping, as provided in Section 30-4-1~~
25 ~~NMSA 1978;~~

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1 ~~(11) criminal sexual penetration, as provided~~
2 ~~in Section 30-9-11 NMSA 1978;~~

3 ~~(12) criminal sexual contact of a minor, as~~
4 ~~provided in Section 30-9-13 NMSA 1978;~~

5 ~~(13) armed robbery, as provided in Section~~
6 ~~30-16-2 NMSA 1978;~~

7 ~~(14) homicide by vehicle, as provided in~~
8 ~~Section 66-8-101 NMSA 1978;~~

9 ~~(15) great bodily injury by vehicle, as~~
10 ~~provided in Section 66-8-101 NMSA 1978;~~

11 ~~(16) abandonment or abuse of a child, as~~
12 ~~provided in Section 30-6-1 NMSA 1978;~~

13 ~~(17) stalking or aggravated stalking, as~~
14 ~~provided in the Harassment and Stalking Act;~~

15 ~~(18) aggravated assault against a household~~
16 ~~member, as provided in Section 30-3-13 NMSA 1978;~~

17 ~~(19) assault against a household member with~~
18 ~~intent to commit a violent felony, as provided in Section~~
19 ~~30-3-14 NMSA 1978;~~

20 ~~(20) battery against a household member, as~~
21 ~~provided in Section 30-3-15 NMSA 1978; or~~

22 ~~(21) aggravated battery against a household~~
23 ~~member, as provided in Section 30-3-16 NMSA 1978;~~

24 G.] B. "court proceeding" means a hearing, argument
25 or other action scheduled by and held before a court;

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1 ~~[D.]~~ C. "family member" means a spouse, child,
2 sibling, parent or grandparent;

3 ~~[E.]~~ D. "formally charged" means the filing of a
4 criminal complaint, an indictment ~~[the filing of a]~~ or criminal
5 information ~~[pursuant to a bind-over order, the filing of a~~
6 ~~petition or the setting of a preliminary hearing]~~;

7 E. "offender" means a person accused of, charged
8 with or convicted for committing a crime against a victim;

9 F. "victim" means ~~[an individual against whom a~~
10 ~~criminal offense is committed. "Victim" also means a family~~
11 ~~member or a victim's representative when the individual against~~
12 ~~whom a criminal offense was committed is a minor, is~~
13 ~~incompetent or is a homicide victim]~~ a person directly and
14 proximately harmed by the commission of a crime enumerated in
15 Article 2, Section 24 of the constitution of New Mexico or a
16 crime that resulted in or involved the threat of death, bodily
17 harm, any form of sexual battery, mental anguish or damage to
18 property in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and
19 includes a family member of a person deceased due to homicide;
20 and

21 G. "victim's representative" means an ~~[individual]~~
22 independent person designated by a victim or appointed by the
23 court to act in the best interests of the victim."

24 SECTION 3. Section 31-26-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
25 Chapter 144, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

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1 "31-26-4. VICTIM'S RIGHTS.--A victim shall have the right
2 to:

3 A. be treated with fairness and respect for the
4 victim's dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice
5 process;

6 B. timely disposition of the case;

7 C. be reasonably protected from [~~the accused~~] an
8 offender throughout the criminal justice process;

9 D. [~~notification~~] receive notice of court
10 proceedings attendant to the charge against the offender;

11 E. attend all public court proceedings [~~the~~
12 ~~accused~~] an offender has the right to attend;

13 F. confer with the prosecution;

14 G. make a statement to the court at sentencing and
15 at any post-sentencing [~~hearings~~] court proceedings for [~~the~~
16 ~~accused~~] an offender;

17 H. restitution from the person convicted of the
18 criminal offense that caused the victim's loss or injury;

19 I. information about the conviction, sentencing,
20 imprisonment, escape or release of [~~the accused~~] an offender
21 and electronic notice when an offender is released from a jail,
22 prison or lockup pre- and post-conviction;

23 J. have the prosecuting attorney notify the
24 victim's employer, if requested by the victim, of the necessity
25 of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a court proceeding

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1 that may [~~necessitate the absence of~~] require the [~~victim~~]
2 victim's absence from work [~~for good cause~~];

3 K. promptly retake possession of a residence or
4 other real property that was subject to a law enforcement
5 investigation of a crime after completion of the investigation
6 and to receive assistance for crime scene cleanup and
7 professional biological hazard services;

8 [~~K.~~] L. promptly receive any personal property
9 belonging to the victim that is being held for evidentiary
10 purposes by a law enforcement agency or the prosecuting
11 attorney, unless there are compelling evidentiary reasons for
12 retention of the victim's property;

13 [~~L.~~] M. be informed by the [~~court at~~] prosecution
14 prior to a sentencing proceeding that [~~the~~] an offender is
15 eligible to earn meritorious deductions from the offender's
16 sentence and the amount of meritorious deductions that may be
17 earned by the offender; and

18 [~~M.~~] N. be notified by the [~~district attorney~~]
19 prosecution of the availability of and procedures to apply for
20 crime victims reparation as provided in the Crime Victims
21 Reparation Act."

22 SECTION 4. Section 31-26-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
23 Chapter 144, Section 5) is amended to read:

24 "31-26-5. EXERCISE OF RIGHTS--REQUIREMENTS FOR
25 VICTIM.--A victim may exercise [~~his~~] the victim's rights

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1 pursuant to the provisions of the Victims of Crime Act [~~only~~]
2 if [~~he~~] the victim:

3 ~~[A. reports the criminal offense within five days~~
4 ~~of the occurrence or discovery of the criminal offense, unless~~
5 ~~the district attorney determines that the victim had a~~
6 ~~reasonable excuse for failing to do so;~~

7 B.] A. provides the district attorney with current
8 and updated information regarding the victim's name, address,
9 email address and telephone number; and

10 ~~[C. fully]~~ B. cooperates with and [~~fully~~] responds
11 to reasonable requests made by law enforcement agencies and
12 district attorneys."

13 SECTION 5. Section 31-26-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
14 Chapter 144, Section 6) is amended to read:

15 "31-26-6. WHEN RIGHTS AND DUTIES TAKE EFFECT--TERMINATION
16 OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES.--

17 A. The rights and duties related to law enforcement
18 agencies established pursuant to Section 31-26-8 NMSA 1978
19 shall take effect when a criminal offense is committed.

20 B. The rights and duties relating to district
21 attorneys and courts established pursuant to the provisions of
22 the Victims of Crime Act, except for those established pursuant
23 to Section 31-26-8 NMSA 1978, shall take effect when an
24 [~~individual~~] offender is formally charged [~~by a district~~
25 ~~attorney~~] for [~~allegedly~~] committing a criminal offense against

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1 a victim. Those rights and duties remain in effect until final
2 disposition of the court proceedings attendant to the [~~charged~~
3 ~~criminal offense~~] charge against an offender."

4 SECTION 6. Section 31-26-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
5 Chapter 144, Section 7) is amended to read:

6 "31-26-7. DESIGNATION OR APPOINTMENT OF VICTIM'S
7 REPRESENTATIVE.--

8 A. A victim may designate a victim's representative
9 to exercise all rights provided to the victim pursuant to the
10 provisions of the Victims of Crime Act. A victim may revoke
11 [~~his~~] the victim's designation of a victim's representative at
12 any time.

13 B. [~~When~~] If a victim is deceased, incompetent or
14 unable to designate a victim's representative, the court may
15 appoint a victim's representative for the victim. If a victim
16 regains [~~his~~] competency, [~~he~~] the victim may revoke the
17 court's appointment of [~~a~~] the victim's representative.

18 C. [~~When the~~] If a victim is a minor, the victim's
19 parent, [~~or~~] grandparent or guardian may exercise the victim's
20 rights on the victim's behalf; provided that when the [~~person~~
21 ~~accused of committing the criminal offense against the victim~~]
22 offender is the victim's parent, [~~or~~] grandparent [~~of the~~
23 ~~victim~~] or guardian, the court may appoint a victim's
24 representative for the victim.

25 D. If a victim's representative is designated or

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1 appointed, the victim's representative shall notify the
2 district attorney, court and counsel for the offender of the
3 designation or appointment but is not a party to the case."

4 SECTION 7. Section 31-26-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
5 Chapter 144, Section 8) is amended to read:

6 "31-26-8. [~~PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING VICTIMS WITH~~
7 ~~PRELIMINARY INFORMATION~~] DUTIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.--

8 The law enforcement agency that investigates a criminal offense
9 against a victim shall:

10 A. treat the victim with fairness and respect the
11 victim's dignity and privacy;

12 B. provide the victim with all available
13 information regarding the investigation, including the name of
14 the offender, unless releasing such information would impede an
15 ongoing investigation;

16 C. take reasonable steps to provide for the
17 victim's protection from the offender;

18 [~~A.~~] D. inform the victim of medical services and
19 crisis intervention services available to victims;

20 [~~B.~~] E. provide the victim with the police report
21 number for the criminal offense and a copy of the following
22 statement: "If within thirty days you are not notified of an
23 arrest in your case, you may call (telephone number for the law
24 enforcement agency) to obtain information on the status of your
25 case."; and

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1 [~~G.~~] F. provide the victim with the name of the
2 district attorney for the judicial district in which the
3 criminal offense was committed and the address, email address
4 and telephone number for that district attorney's office."

5 SECTION 8. Section 31-26-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
6 Chapter 144, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

7 "31-26-9. PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING VICTIMS WITH NOTICE OF
8 RIGHTS AND INFORMATION REGARDING PROSECUTION OF [~~A CRIMINAL~~
9 ~~OFFENSE~~] AN OFFENDER--DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.--

10 A. Within seven working days after a district
11 attorney files a formal charge against [~~the accused for a~~
12 ~~criminal offense~~] an offender, the district attorney shall
13 provide the victim [~~of the criminal offense~~] with:

14 (1) a copy of Article 2, Section 24 of the
15 constitution of New Mexico, regarding victims' rights;

16 (2) a copy of the Victims of Crime Act;

17 (3) a copy of the charge filed against the
18 [~~accused for the criminal offense~~] offender;

19 (4) a clear and concise statement of the
20 procedural steps generally involved in prosecuting a criminal
21 offense; and

22 (5) the name of a person within the district
23 attorney's office whom the victim may contact for additional
24 information regarding prosecution of the [~~criminal offense~~]
25 offender.

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1 B. The district attorney's office shall provide the
2 victim with ~~[oral or written notice, in a timely fashion, of a~~
3 ~~scheduled court proceeding attendant to the criminal offense]~~
4 information about and assistance with signing up for electronic
5 notifications of court proceedings regarding the case against
6 the offender."

7 SECTION 9. Section 31-26-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
8 Chapter 144, Section 10) is amended to read:

9 "31-26-10. ~~[PROCEDURES FOR] PROVIDING VICTIMS WITH NOTICE~~
10 ~~OF A COURT PROCEEDING [COURTS--DISTRICT ATTORNEYS]--ELECTRONIC~~
11 NOTIFICATIONS.--A clerk of a court shall: [provide a district
12 attorney's office with oral or written notice no later than
13 seven working days prior to a scheduled court proceeding
14 attendant to a criminal offense, unless a shorter notice period
15 is reasonable under the circumstances. The district attorney's
16 office shall convey the information concerning the scheduled
17 court proceeding to the victim, as provided in Subsection B of
18 Section 9 of the Victims of Crime Act]

19 A. enter all notices for court proceedings into the
20 electronic notification system established by the
21 administrative office of the courts; and

22 B. provide a victim with electronic notification of
23 a court hearing when it is scheduled and again before the court
24 proceeding."

25 SECTION 10. Section 31-26-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
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1 Chapter 144, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "31-26-11. PROCEDURES WHEN AN INMATE OR DELINQUENT CHILD
3 ESCAPES--CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT--CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
4 DEPARTMENT.--[A.] The corrections department or the children,
5 youth and families department shall immediately notify the
6 [~~sentencing judge or the children's court judge, the district~~
7 ~~attorney of the judicial district from which the inmate or~~
8 ~~delinquent child was committed and the probation officer who~~
9 ~~authored the presentence report when an inmate or delinquent~~
10 ~~child]~~ victim if an offender:

11 [~~(1)~~] A. escapes from a correctional facility or
12 juvenile justice facility [~~under the jurisdiction of the~~
13 ~~corrections department or the children, youth and families~~
14 ~~department]~~; or

15 [~~(2)~~] ~~convicted in New Mexico of a capital, first~~
16 ~~degree or second degree felony and]~~

17 B. was transferred to a facility under the
18 jurisdiction of another state and escapes from that facility.

19 [~~B. The district attorney shall immediately notify~~
20 ~~any person known to reside in his district who was a victim of~~
21 ~~the criminal or delinquent offense for which the inmate or~~
22 ~~delinquent child was committed.]"~~

23 SECTION 11. Section 31-26-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
24 Chapter 144, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

25 "31-26-12. PROCEDURES WHEN AN INMATE IS RELEASED FROM

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1 INCARCERATION--ADULT PAROLE BOARD--CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT--
2 PROCEDURES WHEN A DELINQUENT CHILD IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY--
3 [~~JUVENILE PAROLE BOARD~~] CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
4 DEPARTMENT--DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.--

5 A. A county jail shall notify a victim before an
6 offender's release.

7 [~~A.~~] B. The adult parole board [~~and~~] or the
8 children, youth and families department shall [~~provide a copy~~
9 ~~of their respective regular release dockets to each district~~
10 ~~attorney in the state at least ten working days before the~~
11 ~~docket is considered. The district attorney shall notify any~~
12 ~~person known to reside in the district who was a victim of the~~
13 ~~criminal offense for which the inmate was incarcerated or the~~
14 ~~delinquent child was committed.~~

15 ~~B. The adult parole board or the children, youth~~
16 ~~and families department shall provide a copy of a supplemental,~~
17 ~~addendum or special docket to each district attorney at least~~
18 ~~five working days before the release docket is considered]~~
19 notify a victim as soon as practicable before an offender's
20 release is considered.

21 C. Following consideration of [~~a release docket~~] an
22 offender's release by the adult parole board or the children,
23 youth and families department, the board and department shall
24 promptly notify [~~each district attorney~~] a victim of
25 recommendations for release of [~~an inmate from incarceration or~~

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1 ~~a delinquent child from custody. The district attorney shall~~
2 ~~notify any person known to reside in the district attorney's~~
3 ~~district who was a victim of the criminal offense for which the~~
4 ~~inmate was incarcerated or the delinquent child was committed]~~
5 the offender.

6 D. In the case of an [~~inmate~~] offender scheduled to
7 be released from incarceration or commitment without parole or
8 prior to parole for any reason, [~~or a delinquent child~~
9 ~~scheduled to be released from custody~~] the corrections
10 department or the children, youth and families department shall
11 notify [~~each district attorney at least fifteen working days~~
12 ~~before the inmate's or delinquent child's release. The~~
13 ~~district attorney shall notify any person known to reside in~~
14 ~~the district who was a victim of the criminal offense for which~~
15 ~~the inmate was incarcerated or the delinquent child was~~
16 ~~committed]~~ the victim immediately."

17 SECTION 12. Section 31-26-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
18 Chapter 144, Section 14) is amended to read:

19 "31-26-14. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.--~~[A person accused or~~
20 ~~convicted of a crime against a victim]~~ An offender shall not
21 have [no] standing to object to [any] a failure by [any] the
22 state, a political subdivision of the state or a person to
23 comply with the provisions of the Victims of Crime Act."

24 SECTION 13. Section 31-26-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009,
25 Chapter 95, Section 4) is amended to read:

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1 "31-26-15. IDENTITY THEFT PASSPORT--DATABASE.--

2 A. The attorney general, in cooperation with the
3 department of public safety and the motor vehicle division of
4 the taxation and revenue department, shall issue an identity
5 theft passport to a person who claims to be a victim of
6 identity theft pursuant to Section 30-16-24.1 NMSA 1978 and who
7 provides to the attorney general:

8 (1) a certified copy of a court order obtained
9 pursuant to Section [~~5 of this 2009 act~~] 31-26-16 NMSA 1978 or
10 a full set of fingerprints;

11 (2) a driver's license or other government-
12 issued identification or record; and

13 (3) other information as required by the
14 attorney general.

15 B. An identity theft passport shall contain a
16 picture of the person to whom it was issued and other
17 information as the attorney general deems appropriate.

18 C. The attorney general may enter into a memorandum
19 of understanding with the motor vehicle division of the
20 taxation and revenue department for the development and
21 issuance of a secure form of identity theft passport. When an
22 identity theft passport is issued, the motor vehicle division
23 shall note on the person's driver record that an identity theft
24 passport has been issued.

25 D. An [~~identify~~] identity theft passport shall be

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1 accepted as evidence of identity by law enforcement officers
2 and others who may challenge the person's identity.

3 E. The attorney general shall maintain a database
4 of identity theft victims who have reported to a law
5 enforcement agency or have been issued an identity theft
6 passport. The attorney general may provide access to the
7 database only to criminal justice agencies. For purposes of
8 identification and authentication, the attorney general may
9 allow access to specific information about a person who has
10 become a victim of identity theft to that person or to that
11 person's authorized representative.

12 F. The attorney general shall keep on file each
13 application for an identity theft passport and each police
14 report of identity theft submitted by a law enforcement agency.

15 G. The attorney general shall prepare and make
16 available to local law enforcement agencies and to the general
17 public an information packet that includes information on how
18 to prevent and stop identity theft."

19 SECTION 14. A new section of the Victims of Crime Act is
20 enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR VICTIMS
22 OF CRIME.--

23 A. As used in this section, "electronic
24 notification" means an automated communication received by
25 email, phone call or text message.

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1 B. The director of the administrative office of the
2 courts, each board of county commissioners and the corrections
3 department shall establish and maintain separate electronic
4 notification systems to provide notice to victims in accordance
5 with the Victims of Crime Act.

6 C. The electronic notification systems established
7 pursuant to Subsection B of this section shall:

- 8 (1) be an optional service for a victim; and
9 (2) integrate information maintained by the
10 administrative office of the courts, each board of county
11 commissioners and the corrections department."

12 SECTION 15. A new section of the Victims of Crime Act is
13 enacted to read:

14 "[NEW MATERIAL] VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE FUND
15 CREATED.--

16 A. The "victims of crime assistance fund" is
17 created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund
18 consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and income
19 from investment of the fund.

20 B. The state department of justice shall administer
21 the fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the state
22 department of justice to contract for services to assist
23 victims with crime scene cleanup and professional biological
24 hazard services; provided that such assistance may be rendered
25 only after a state or local police department, county sheriff

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1 or district attorney certifies in writing that the victim
2 qualifies for such assistance in accordance with the Victims of
3 Crime Act and the rules of the state department of justice.

4 C. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by
5 warrant of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant
6 to vouchers signed by the attorney general or the attorney
7 general's authorized representative."

8 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATIONS.--

9 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
10 general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, and any
11 unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining at the end of
12 fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund:

13 (1) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the
14 administrative office of the courts to establish and maintain
15 an electronic notification system to provide notice of court
16 proceedings pursuant to the provisions of the Victims of Crime
17 Act;

18 (2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
19 to the local government division of the department of finance
20 and administration for the boards of county commissioners to
21 establish and maintain an electronic notification system
22 pursuant to the provisions of the Victims of Crime Act; and

23 (3) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
24 to the corrections department to establish and maintain an
25 electronic notification system to provide notice to victims

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1 pursuant to the provisions of the Victims of Crime Act.

2 B. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is
3 appropriated from the general fund to the victims of crime
4 assistance fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 and
5 subsequent fiscal years to contract for services to assist
6 victims with crime scene cleanup and professional biological
7 hazard services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
8 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
9 general fund.

10 SECTION 17. REPEAL.--Section 31-26-10.1 NMSA 1978 (being
11 Laws 2005, Chapter 283, Section 1) is repealed.