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House Bill 5467

Sponsor: Rep. Perry Bullard

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5467 AS INTRODUCED 2-8-90

The bill would amend the crime victim's compensation act to do the following:

--extend the act to apply to a Michigan resident who was the victim of a crime committed in a state that did not have a victim compensation program for which the person was eligible.

--explicitly allow reimbursement for "replacement services," meaning homemaking tasks, child care, transportation, and other services previously performed by the victim that, because of the victim's injury, had to be performed by someone else.

--include grandparents and grandchildren among the family members eligible for compensation when a person died as a result of a crime.

--delete language that makes ineligible for compensation (that is, compensation other than medical expenses) a victim who lives with the person responsible for the crime. However, the bill would authorize the crime victims compensation board to deny payment of an award that it determined would cause substantial unjust enrichment and economic benefit to a person criminally responsible for a crime.

--allow a claim to be filed up to one year after authorities discovered that a crime was the cause of injuries previously thought to be accidental, of unknown origin, or resulting from natural causes. (Generally, the act requires a claim to be filed within one year after the occurrence of the crime upon which the claim is based.)

--increase the limit on loss-of-earnings reimbursements from \$100 to \$200 for each week of lost earnings or support.

MCL 18.351 et al.