

2020 Kansas Statutes

75-773. Crime victims compensation division in the office of the attorney general. (a) There is hereby established within the office of the attorney general a crime victims compensation division to administer and support the operations of the crime victims compensation board established pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7301 et seq., and amendments thereto. The division shall receive applications for compensation and all supporting papers and shall, if requested by the board, investigate the claim, appear in proceedings related to the claim and present evidence in opposition to or support of an award.

(b) The attorney general shall establish and maintain a principal office for the division and other necessary offices within the state, appoint employees and agents, as necessary, and prescribe the duties and compensation for each employee and agent subject to appropriations. The crime victims compensation division shall be headed by a director appointed by the attorney general in consultation with the crime victims compensation board.

(c) The crime victims compensation division shall:

(1) Prescribe forms on which applications for compensation shall be made;

(2) request investigations and data from county and district attorneys, law enforcement officers and other sources to enable the crime victims compensation board to determine whether, and to what extent a claimant qualifies for compensation;

(3) make available for public inspection, as provided by the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto, all rules and regulations, written statements of policy, interpretations formulated, adopted or used by the crime victims compensation board and decisions and opinions of the crime victims compensation board;

(4) publicize the availability of compensation and information regarding the filing of claims; and

(5) perform any other duty assigned by the attorney general to carry out the provisions of this section.

(d) Confidentiality provided by law covering a claimant's or victim's juvenile court records shall not be applicable in proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7301 et seq., and amendments thereto.

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