

# HOUSE BILL 355

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(4lr0827)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings —

Introduced by **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Programs for Survivors of Homicide Victims**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to  
4 help establish and expand programs for survivors of homicide victims in the  
5 State; requiring the programs to serve survivors of homicide victims in all parts  
6 of the State; requiring the programs to include certain elements; ~~authorizing~~  
7 requiring the Office to award certain grants; requiring the Office to regularly  
8 consult, collaborate with, and consider the recommendations of certain service  
9 providers on certain matters; requiring money for the programs for survivors of  
10 homicide victims to be as provided in the annual State budget and to be used to  
11 supplement, but not supplant, money that the programs receive from other  
12 sources; requiring the Executive Director of the Office to include a report on the  
13 programs for survivors of homicide victims in a certain annual report submitted  
14 to the General Assembly; establishing certain findings of the General Assembly;  
15 and generally relating to programs for survivors of homicide victims.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Criminal Procedure  
3 Section 11–1006  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

9 **11–1006.**

10 **(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE**  
11 **VICTIMS IN THE STATE:**

12 **(1) LACK NECESSARY COUNSELING AND FOLLOW-UP SERVICES**  
13 **TO:**

14 **(I) TREAT THE SURVIVORS WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND**  
15 **SENSITIVITY; AND**

16 **(II) INFORM THE SURVIVORS OF THE RIGHTS TO WHICH**  
17 **THEY ARE ENTITLED BY LAW; AND**

18 **(2) HAVE THE HELP OF ONLY EXTREMELY LIMITED SUPPORT**  
19 **SERVICES IN SOME PARTS OF THE STATE.**

20 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO FACILITATE PROGRAMS THAT**  
21 **ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS.**

22 **(C) (1) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND**  
23 **PREVENTION SHALL HELP ESTABLISH AND EXPAND PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS**  
24 **OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS IN THE STATE.**

25 **(2) THE PROGRAMS SHALL:**

26 **(I) SERVE SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS IN ALL PARTS**  
27 **OF THE STATE;**

28 **(II) PROVIDE OR FACILITATE REFERRALS TO APPROPRIATE**  
29 **COUNSELING, LEGAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR**  
30 **SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS INCLUDING SPECIALIZED SUPPORT**  
31 **SERVICES TO ADULT AND MINOR SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS; AND**

1 (III) PROVIDE A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND  
2 ASSISTANCE TO EXERCISE THE RIGHTS TO WHICH THE SURVIVORS ARE  
3 ENTITLED BY LAW.

4 (D) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
5 ~~MAY~~ SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT  
6 ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE THE PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE  
7 VICTIMS.

8 (E) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
9 REGULARLY SHALL CONSULT, COLLABORATE WITH, AND CONSIDER THE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE  
11 VICTIMS REGARDING PROGRAMS, POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES  
12 THAT IMPACT SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS.

13 (F) MONEY FOR THE PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE  
14 VICTIMS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AND SHALL BE  
15 USED TO SUPPLEMENT, BUT NOT SUPPLANT, MONEY THAT THE PROGRAMS  
16 RECEIVE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

17 (G) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF  
18 CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION SHALL INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE  
19 PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT  
20 SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND  
21 PREVENTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF  
22 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.