

Senate File 2179 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the victim compensation fund.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 915.41, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The cost of a medical examination of a victim for the
4 purpose of gathering evidence, the cost of the provision or
5 reimbursement of a victim for emergency contraception or other
6 health care treatment, including abortion, and the cost of
7 treatment of a victim for the purpose of preventing venereal
8 disease shall be paid from the fund established in section
9 915.94.

10 Sec. 2. Section 915.94, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
11 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

12 A victim compensation fund is established as a separate fund
13 in the state treasury. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be
14 administered by the department and ~~dedicated to and used are~~
15 appropriated to the department for the purposes of section
16 915.41 and [this subchapter](#). In addition, ~~the department may~~
17 ~~use~~ moneys from the fund are appropriated to the department for
18 any of the following purposes:

19 Sec. 3. Section 915.94, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* The provision or reimbursement of a
22 victim of sexual assault for emergency contraception or other
23 health care treatment, including abortion.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill provides that moneys in the victim compensation
28 fund are appropriated to the department of justice for the
29 provision or reimbursement of a victim of sexual assault
30 for emergency contraception or other health care treatment,
31 including abortion, among other purposes set forth under
32 current law.