

Subject Including children’s advocacy centers as victim assistance programs

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Overview

When a court sentences a person following a conviction for most assaults and criminal sexual conduct offenses, the court must impose a fine. When a county in which the offense occurs has a victim assistance program, 70 percent of the fine must be sent to the program. This bill would add children’s advocacy centers to the definition of “victim assistance program,” allowing them to receive funding under the statute.

Summary

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| 1 | Minimum fines.
Adds children’s advocacy centers to the definition of “victim assistance program,” allowing those centers to receive a portion of criminal fines imposed following a conviction for certain assault and criminal sexual conduct offenses. |
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