WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1997

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Committee Substitute for

SENATE BILL NO. 284

(By Senator LOVE, ET AL.)

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PASSED April 8, 1997

In Effect Puya Passage
AN ACT finding and declaring certain claims for compensation of innocent victims of crimes occurring in West Virginia to be moral obligations of the state and directing the auditor to issue warrants for the payment of the claims.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

COMPENSATION AWARDS TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES.

§1. Finding and declaring certain crime victims claims for compensation to be moral obligations of the state and directing payment of the claims.

1 The Legislature has duly considered the findings of fact and recommendations for awards reported to it by the
court of claims in respect to the following named claimants who were innocent victims of crime within this state and who are entitled to compensation; and in respect to each of the named claimants the Legislature adopts those findings of fact as its own, hereby declares it to be the moral obligation of the state to pay each claimant in the amount specified below, and directs the auditor to issue warrants for the payment of the claims out of any fund appropriated and available for the purpose.

**Claims for crime victims compensation awards:**

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<th>Claimant</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>William C. Chapman</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td>Jerry N. Gibson, as guardian of C. D. G.</td>
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<td>Jerry N. Gibson, as guardian of J. Y. G.</td>
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<td>Betty J. Sargent, as the adoptive parent of R. W. S.</td>
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<td>Alan D. Taylor</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$73,000.00</strong></td>
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The Legislature finds that the above moral obligations and the appropriations made in satisfaction of the moral obligations are the full compensation for all of the named claimants.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signature]
Chairman Senate Committee

[Nick Fantasia]
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

[Signature]
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approve this the 18th day of April, 1997.

[Signature]
Governor