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A.C.A. § 16-90-701

§ 16-90-701. Citation

Currentness

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Act”.

Credits

Notes of Decisions (1)
A.C.A. § 16-90-701, AR ST § 16-90-701
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-702. Legislative intent

Currentness

It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide a method of compensating and assisting those persons within the state who are victims of criminal acts and who suffer personal injury or death. To this end, it is the further intent of the General Assembly to provide reparations, in the amount of expenses actually incurred as a direct result of the criminal acts of other persons up to a maximum amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000). However, for those victims whose injuries are catastrophic and result in a total and permanent disability, the maximum amount shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000).

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-702, AR ST § 16-90-702
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-703. Definitions, AR ST § 16-90-703

As used in this subchapter:

(1) (A) “Allowable expense” means charges incurred for needed products, services, and accommodations, including, but not limited to:

(i) Medical care;

(ii) Rehabilitation;

(iii) Rehabilitative occupational training;

(iv) Crime scene cleanup; and

(v) Other remedial treatment and care.

(B) "Allowable expense" also includes a reasonable and necessary amount for expenses related to funeral, cremation, or burial;

(2) “Board” means the Crime Victims Reparations Board created by § 16-90-705;

(3) (A) “Claimant” means any of the following persons applying for reparations under this subchapter:

(i) A victim;

(ii) A dependent of a victim who has died because of criminally injurious conduct; or
(iii) A person authorized to act on behalf of any of the persons enumerated in this subdivision (3)(A).

(B) "Claimant" shall not include a service provider;

(4) “Collateral source” means a source of benefits or advantages for economic loss which the claimant has received or which is readily available to the claimant from any one (1) or more of the following:

(A) The offender;

(B) The United States Government or any agency thereof in the form of benefits, such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid;

(C) A state or any of its political subdivisions;

(D) State-required temporary nonoccupational disability insurance;

(E) Workers' compensation;

(F) Wage continuation programs of any employer;

(G) Proceeds of a contract of insurance payable to the claimant for loss which the victim sustained because of the criminally injurious conduct; or

(H) A contract providing prepaid hospital and other healthcare services or benefits for disability;

(5)(A)(i) “Criminally injurious conduct” means an act which occurs or is attempted in this state that results in personal injury or death to a victim, which act is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death.

(ii) "Criminally injurious conduct" shall include acts of terrorism committed outside of the United States as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331 against any Arkansas resident.

(iii) “Criminally injurious conduct” does not include acts arising out of the operation of motor vehicles, boats, or aircraft unless the acts were committed with the intent to inflict injury or death or unless the acts involve any of the following:

(a) Injury or death intentionally inflicted through the use of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft;

(b) A violation of the Omnibus DWI or BWI Act, § 5-65-101 et seq.; or
(c) A violation of § 27-53-101.

(B) For the purposes of this subchapter, a person shall be deemed to have committed criminally injurious conduct, notwithstanding that by reason of age, insanity, drunkenness, or other reason he or she was legally incapable of committing a crime;

(6) “Dependent” means a natural person wholly or partially dependent upon the victim for care or support and includes a child of the victim born after the death of the victim where the death occurred as a result of criminally injurious conduct;

(7) “Economic loss” means monetary detriment consisting of allowable expense and work loss, but shall not include noneconomic detriment;

(8) “Immediate family” means a person's spouse, children, parents or guardian, siblings, and grandparents, whether related by blood, adoption, or marriage;

(9) “Noneconomic detriment” means:

(A) Pain;

(B) Suffering;

(C) Inconvenience;

(D) Physical impairment; and

(E) Nonpecuniary damage;

(10) “Personal injury” means actual bodily harm, including pregnancy or mental anguish which is the direct result of a violent criminal act;

(11)(A) “Victim” means a person who suffers personal injury or death as a result of criminally injurious conduct committed either within the State of Arkansas or against any Arkansas resident who suffers personal injury as the result of criminally injurious conduct which occurs in states presently not having crime victims reparations programs for which the victim is eligible, and further includes any Arkansas resident who is injured or killed by an act of terrorism committed outside of the United States, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331.

(B) “Victim” shall also include a person who:
(i) Is the child, whether by blood, adoption, or marriage, of a victim as defined in subdivision (11)(A) of this section;

(ii) Is an immediate family member of a deceased victim, a victim of sexual assault, or a child victim;

(iii) Is not an immediate family member, but who resided at the time of the crime in the same permanent household as a deceased victim; or

(iv) Discovered the body of a victim who died as the result of criminally injurious conduct; and

(12) “Work loss” means loss of income from work the victim or claimant would have performed if the victim had not been injured or died, reduced by any income from substitute work actually performed by the victim or claimant or by income the victim or claimant would have earned in available appropriate substitute work that he or she was capable of performing but unreasonably failed to undertake.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-703, AR ST § 16-90-703
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
The filing of a false claim for reparations pursuant to this subchapter shall constitute a Class D felony.

Credits
A.C.A. § 16-90-705

§ 16-90-705. Crime Victims Reparations Board

Currentness

(a)(1) There is created a Crime Victims Reparations Board consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to serve four-year staggered terms and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(2) At least two (2) members of the board shall be persons admitted to practice law in this state.

(3) At least one (1) member of the board shall be:

(A) A victim of criminally injurious conduct;

(B) The next of kin of a homicide victim; or

(C) An individual experienced in providing victim assistance services.

(4) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as a regular appointment.

(b) Each year the board shall elect the chair from its membership.

(c)(1) Members of the board shall receive no pay for their services, but each member may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

(2) All reasonable and necessary expenses of the board shall be paid from the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-705, AR ST § 16-90-705
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-706

§ 16-90-706. Board--Powers and duties

Effective: July 24, 2019

Currentness

(a)(1) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall have:

   (A) Power to award reparations for economic loss arising from criminally injurious conduct if satisfied by a preponderance of the evidence that the requirements for reparations have been met; and

   (B) Authority to award the reparations to the claimant or directly to the provider of services.

(2) The board shall:

   (A) Hear and determine all matters relating to claims for reparations, including having the power to reinvestigate or reopen claims without regard to statutes of limitation; and

   (B)(i) Have discretion to act in a panel of three (3) or more members.

   (ii) This panel may exercise the powers granted to the board.

(3) The board shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, require the production of records and other evidence, administer oaths or affirmations, conduct hearings, and receive relevant evidence.

(4)(A) The board shall be provided such office, support staff, and secretarial services as necessary by the Department of Public Safety.

   (B) The support staff and secretarial services described in subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section may also be assigned by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety to engage in additional work in other areas that do not involve crime victims reparations.

(b) In addition to any other powers and duties specified elsewhere in this subchapter, the board may:
(1) Regulate its own procedure, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter;

(2) Adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subchapter;

(3) Define any term not defined in this subchapter;

(4) Prescribe forms necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter;

(5) Request access to any reports of investigations or other data necessary to assist the board in making a determination of eligibility for reparations under the provisions of this subchapter;

(6) Take judicial notice of general, technical, and scientific facts within its specialized knowledge; and

(7) Publicize the availability of reparations and information regarding the filing of claims for reparations.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-706, AR ST § 16-90-706
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-707

§ 16-90-707. Board activities report

Effective: July 1, 2019
Currentness

(a) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall prepare and transmit annually a report of its activities to the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

(b) This report shall include the amount of reparations awarded and a statistical summary of claims and awards made and denied.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-707, AR ST § 16-90-707
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-708

§ 16-90-708. Applications

Currentness

(a) Each law enforcement agency in the state shall keep application forms prepared and provided by the Crime Victims Reparations Board and make them available to any person upon request.

(b) The board may contact any law enforcement agency to determine if an applicant has cooperated with that law enforcement agency in the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the perpetrator of the crime.

Credits
A.C.A. § 16-90-709

§ 16-90-709. Hearing--Settlement

Currentness

(a)(1) Every party to the claim shall be afforded an opportunity to appear and be heard, to offer evidence and argument on any issues relevant to the claim, and to examine witnesses and offer evidence to reply to any matter of an evidentiary nature in the record relevant to the claim.

(2) A record of the proceedings of the hearing in a contested case shall be made and shall be transcribed upon request of any party, who shall pay transcription costs unless otherwise ordered by the Crime Victims Reparations Board.

(b) Without a hearing, the board may settle a claim by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-709, AR ST § 16-90-709
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-710. Doctor-patient privilege--Waiver

Currentness

(a) Any person filing a claim under the provisions of this subchapter shall be deemed to have waived any physician-patient privilege as to communications or records relevant to an issue of the physical, mental, or emotional condition of the claimant.

(b)(1) If the mental, physical, or emotional condition of a claimant is material to a claim, upon good cause shown, the Crime Victims Reparations Board may order the claimant to submit to a mental or physical examination and may order an autopsy of a deceased victim.

(2) The order shall:

(A) Specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination or autopsy and the person by whom it is to be made; and

(B)(i) Require the person to file a detailed written report of the examination or autopsy with the board.

(ii) The report shall set out the findings of the person making the report, including results of all tests made, diagnoses, prognoses, and other conclusions and reports of earlier examinations of the same conditions.

(c) The board shall furnish to the victim a copy of any reports examined. If the victim is deceased, the board, on request, shall furnish a copy of the report to the claimant.

(d) The board may require the claimant to supply any additional medical or psychological reports available relating to the injury or death for which reparations are claimed.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-710, AR ST § 16-90-710
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-711. Certain documents confidential, AR ST § 16-90-711

A.C.A. § 16-90-711

§ 16-90-711. Certain documents confidential

Currentness

When submitted to the Crime Victims Reparations Board as part of an application, the following information shall be confidential:

(1) Documents submitted by a claimant which relate to medical treatment; and

(2) Law enforcement investigative reports, if confidential under any other law.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-711, AR ST § 16-90-711
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-712. Conditions for reparations--Changes in awards

Currentness

(a) Reparations shall not be awarded:

(1) Unless the claim has been filed with the Crime Victims Reparations Board within one (1) year after the injury or death upon which the claim is based, unless the board finds good cause for the failure to file a timely claim;

(2) To a claimant who was the offender or an accomplice of the offender;

(3) To another person if the award would unjustly benefit the offender or accomplice;

(4) To a victim who is injured or killed while confined in state, county, or municipal jail, prison, or other correctional facility as a result of conviction of any crime;

(5) To any claimant who has been convicted of a felony involving criminally injurious conduct;

(6) Unless the criminally injurious conduct resulting in injury or death was reported to the proper authorities within seventy-two (72) hours after its occurrence, or the board finds there was good cause for the failure to report within that time; or

(7)(A)(i) If there are insufficient funds in the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund.

(ii) However, when sufficient funds become available, the awards which have not been paid shall be paid in chronological order with the oldest paid first, unless the board finds that compelling circumstances support a payment out of chronological order.

(B) Any award under this subchapter is specifically not a claim against the state if it cannot be paid due to a lack of funds in the fund.

(b) Reparations otherwise payable to a claimant shall be diminished to the extent:
(1) That the economic loss is recouped from collateral sources; or

(2) Of the degree of responsibility for the cause of the injury or death attributable to the victim, as determined by the board.

(c) Upon finding that the claimant or victim has not fully cooperated with appropriate law enforcement agencies, the board may deny, withdraw, or reduce an award of reparations.

(d)(1) On its own motion or on request of the claimant, the board may reconsider a decision granting or denying an award or determining its amount.

(2) An order on reconsideration of an award shall not require a refund of amounts previously paid unless the award was obtained by fraud.

(3) Reconsideration does not affect the finality of a board decision for the purpose of judicial review.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-712, AR ST § 16-90-712
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-713

§ 16-90-713. Suspension of proceedings

Currentness

(a) An award may be made whether or not any person is prosecuted or convicted.

(b) The Crime Victims Reparations Board may suspend the proceedings pending disposition of a criminal prosecution that has been commenced or is imminent but may make a tentative award under § 16-90-716.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-713, AR ST § 16-90-713
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-714

§ 16-90-714. Subrogation--Joinder

Currentness

(a) If reparations are awarded, the state shall be subrogated to all the rights of a claimant to receive or recover from a collateral source to the extent that reparations were awarded.

(b)(1) In the event the claimant recovers reparations, other than under the provisions of this subchapter for injuries or death resulting from criminally injurious conduct, the claimant shall retain as trustee so much of the recovered funds as necessary to reimburse the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund to the extent that reparations were awarded to the claimant from that fund.

(2) The funds retained in trust shall be promptly deposited into the fund.

(c)(1) If a claimant brings an action to recover damages related to the criminally injurious conduct upon which reparations are claimed or awarded, the claimant shall give the Crime Victims Reparations Board written notice of the action.

(2) After receiving the notice, the board may join in the action as a party plaintiff to recover the reparations awarded.

(d) The board shall not require any claimant to seek or accept any collateral source contribution unless the claimant was receiving those benefits prior to the occurrence giving rise to the claim under the provisions of this subchapter.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-714, AR ST § 16-90-714
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-715

§ 16-90-715. Action by state against convicted person for recovery of reparations

Effective: July 1, 2019

Currentness

(a)(1) Whenever any person is convicted of a crime and an order for the payment of reparations is or has been made under this subchapter for a personal injury or death resulting from the act or omission constituting the crime for which conviction was had, the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety may institute a civil action against the convicted person for the recovery of all or any part of the reparations paid.

(2)(A) The suit shall be instituted in the circuit court having jurisdiction in the county in which the person resides or is found or in Pulaski County.

(B) The circuit court shall have jurisdiction to hear, determine, and render judgment in the action.

(3)(A) Any amount recovered under this subsection shall be credited to the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund.

(B) If an amount greater than that paid pursuant to the order for payment of reparations is recovered and collected in the action, the Crime Victims Reparations Board shall pay the balance to the claimant.

(b) The board shall provide the secretary with such information, data, and reports as he or she may require to institute actions in accordance with this section.

(c) The secretary may request the assistance of the Attorney General in instituting a civil action against the convicted person for the recovery of all or any part of the reparations paid.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-715, AR ST § 16-90-715
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-716. Limitation on reparations--Manner of payment, AR ST § 16-90-716

A.C.A. § 16-90-716

§ 16-90-716. Limitation on reparations--Manner of payment

Currentness

(a)(1) Reparations payable to a victim and to all other claimants sustaining economic loss because of injury to or death of that victim may not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000).

(2) However, for those victims whose injuries are catastrophic and result in a total and permanent disability, the maximum reparations amount shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000).

(b)(1) The Crime Victims Reparations Board may provide for the payment to a claimant in a lump sum or in installments.

(2) At the request of the claimant, the board may convert future economic loss other than allowable expense to a lump sum, but only upon a finding by the board of either of the following:

(A) That the award in a lump sum will promote the interests of the claimant; or

(B) That the present value of all future economic loss other than allowable expense does not exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).

(c) If the board determines that the claimant will suffer financial hardship unless an advance award is made, an amount may be paid to the claimant and shall be deducted from the final award or shall be repaid and recoverable from the claimant to the extent that it exceeds the final award.

(d)(1) An award payable in installments for future economic loss may be made only for a period as to which the board can reasonably determine future economic loss.

(2) An award payable in installments for future economic loss may be modified by the board upon its finding that a material and substantial change of circumstances has occurred.

(e) An award shall not be subject to execution, attachment, garnishment, or other process, except that an award for allowable expense shall not be exempt from a claim of a creditor to the extent that the creditor has provided products, services, or accommodations, the costs of which are included in the award.
(f) An assignment by the claimant to any future award under the provisions of this subchapter is unenforceable, except:

(1) An assignment of any award for work loss to assure payment of court-ordered alimony, maintenance, or child support; or

(2) An assignment of any award for allowable expense to the extent that the benefits are for the cost of products, services, or accommodations necessitated by the injury or death on which the claim is based and are provided or are to be provided by the assignee.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-716, AR ST § 16-90-716
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
§ 16-90-717. Revolving Fund

§ 16-90-717. Revolving Fund

Currentness

There is created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Crime Victims Reparations Board to be designated the “Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund”. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all moneys received by the board from any source including moneys applied for and received from any state, federal, or private source. All interest earned as a result of investing moneys in the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund shall be paid into the fund and not into the general revenues of this state. All moneys accruing to the credit of the fund are appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the board for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this subchapter and the provisions of the sexual assault statutes, §§ 12-12-401–12-12-404.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-717, AR ST § 16-90-717
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.

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A.C.A. § 16-90-718


Currentness

Credits


A.C.A. § 16-90-718, AR ST § 16-90-718
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.

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§ 16-90-719. Inmate and probationer labor

Effective: July 24, 2019

(a)(1) Persons who have suffered damage to their primary residence and surrounding real property in an amount in excess of five hundred dollars ($500) as a result of a criminal act or who have had personal property stolen from their primary residence valued in excess of five hundred dollars ($500), and who do not have adequate available resources or any collateral source of reimbursement, such as insurance, to cover the costs of repairs to their property may file a claim with the Crime Victims Reparations Board in the manner and form as is presently required by the Crime Victims Reparations Board for crime victims.

(2) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall have the power to provide labor for repairs and cleanup supplied by eligible offenders serving community correction and probationers in accordance with rules promulgated by the Board of Corrections.

(3) By this section, the Department of Community Correction is authorized and directed to promulgate necessary rules permitting the use of eligible inmates transferred to or sentenced directly to community correction and probationers to perform the repair and cleanup work contemplated by this section and consistent with guidelines established by the Crime Victims Reparations Board.

(b) Inmates who have been convicted of violent crimes or residential burglary, even if transferred to or sentenced directly to community correction, and probationers who have been convicted of violent crimes, residential burglary, or theft of property shall be ineligible to participate in this program, and the rules governing this program shall reflect this prohibition.

(c)(1) The Crime Victims Reparations Board and the Board of Corrections with the cooperation and assistance of the Department of Community Correction, working in conjunction with each other, shall promulgate the necessary rules to establish a program whereby eligible inmates released to or sentenced directly to community correction and probationers may perform labor on the primary residence and surrounding real property of victims whose primary residence has suffered damage as a result of a criminal act or whose personal property has been stolen from their primary residence, and whose owner does not have adequate available resources or any collateral source of reimbursement such as insurance to cover the costs of repairs or replacement.

(2) The safety of the victim, the probationer, and the inmate is to be given first priority in promulgating the rules.

(d)(1) Whenever a dollar amount of property damage or loss is referred to in subsections (a)-(c) of this section, the dollar amount shall refer to the fair market repair or replacement value.
(2) Further, no award shall be made under the provisions of this section for a loss based on the dollar amount of an insurance deductible which is five hundred dollars ($500) or less.

(e) It is the intent of this section to provide a method of reparations whereby victims whose primary residence is damaged or whose personal property is stolen from their primary residence as a result of criminal acts and who do not have adequate available resources or a collateral source of reimbursement such as insurance to cover the cost of repairs to their primary residence or replacement of the personal property may receive assistance in the form of inmate or probationer labor to make repairs to and clean up their primary residence and the surrounding real property.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-719, AR ST § 16-90-719
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.
A.C.A. § 16-90-720

§ 16-90-720. Payment for healthcare service--Schedule established--Third-party vendor authorized

Effective: August 1, 2017

(a) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall award payment for a healthcare service under this subchapter in the same manner as the medical fee schedule established for workers' compensation claims under § 11-9-517.

(b)(1) The board, a claimant, or a victim is not liable for healthcare service charges in excess of the medical fee schedule under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) A healthcare provider shall accept payment from the board as payment in full for healthcare service charges unless an investigation of the healthcare service charges by the board determines that there is a reasonable healthcare justification for a deviation from the medical fee schedule.

(c) The board may contract with a third-party vendor to process payment for healthcare services under this subchapter.

Credits

A.C.A. § 16-90-720, AR ST § 16-90-720
The constitution and statutes are current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly.