

52:4B-22 and 52:4B-23

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Criminal Injuries Compensation Act--require police stations and hospitals to provide information and application blanks)

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CHAPTER 256

Bill No. A1060

Sponsor(s) Codey

Date Introduced Feb. 21, 1980

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage  Yes  No Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement  Yes  No (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly  Yes  No

Senate  Yes  No

Fiscal Note  Yes  No

Veto Message  Yes  No

Message on signing  Yes  No

Following were printed:

Reports  Yes  No

Hearings  Yes  No

Sponsor's statement:

The purpose of this bill is to require that every police station have available, written information and application blanks relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act. The bill would also require that every victim reporting a crime be supplied by the law enforcement officer receiving the report of such information and application blanks.

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1060**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 1980

By Assemblyman CODEY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971," approved October 4, 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 317, C. 52:4B-1 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Every State, county, and municipal police department *\*and*  
2 *hospital or other place of emergency medical care\** shall have  
3 available *\*and shall post in a public place\** informative booklets,  
4 pamphlets or other pertinent written information, to be supplied  
5 by the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, relating to the avail-  
6 ability of crime victims compensation including all necessary  
7 application blanks required to be filed with the board. **\*[Every**  
8 **victim who reports a crime in any manner whatsoever shall be**  
9 **supplied by the law enforcement officer receiving the report with**  
10 **such information and application blanks.]\*** *\*Every police depart-*  
11 *ment shall, upon the filing of a report of a violent crime, make avail-*  
12 *able to any victim information concerning crime victims com-*  
13 *ensation.\**

1 2. No cause of action against the State, any county, or any  
2 municipality, or any employee, thereof, shall arise out of a failure  
3 to give the notice required by section 1, nor shall any such failure  
4 be deemed or construed to effect or alter any time limitation or  
5 other requirement contained in this act for the filing or payment  
6 of a claim hereunder.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1060**  
with Assembly committee amendment

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 30, 1980

The statistics show that there appear to be many victims of violent crimes who are unaware of the aid provided by the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

The purpose of this bill is to require that every police station have available, written information and application blanks relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act. Failure to give such notice, however, would not give rise to a cause of action against the State, county or municipality.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1060**  
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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 1981

This bill would require that every police station make available written information and application blanks relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act to any victim of a violent crime at such time as a report of a violent crime is reported. Failure to give such notice, however, would not give rise to a cause of action against the State, county or municipality.

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FISCAL NOTE TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1060**  
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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 16, 1981

Assembly Bill No. 1060 Official Copy Reprint of 1980 requires every police station and hospital or other place of emergency care to have available written information and application blanks relating to the Criminal Inquiries Compensation Act.

The Department of Law & Public Safety estimates that enactment of this legislation would increase state expenditures by \$29,396.00 in fiscal 1980-81, \$512,734.00 in fiscal 1981-82 and \$514,961.00 in fiscal 1982-83.

The department further states that the increase in the last two fiscal years is based on a 25% estimated increase in claims received.

The department also points out that the 25% estimate is based on the experience in New York State during the first year following enactment of similar legislation. The 25% estimate may be an inflated figure because the New York Board advises that at the same time the law became effective, a concerted public awareness program was instituted.

The Office of Legislative Services comments that this bill requires police departments, hospitals and other emergency care facilities to have information and application blanks available to any victim filing a report of a violent crime. The additional cost of printing the forms and postage for this is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.00 per year.

There is no way of estimating what the actual increase in claims received will be.

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In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.