

**E2SSB 5296** - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-2190.1/25) **1265**

By Representative Couture

**NOT CONSIDERED 04/27/2025**

1 On page 30, after line 23 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 43.280  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The office of crime victims advocacy, in coordination with  
6 department of children, youth, and families, shall create a flexible  
7 fund to serve victims and survivors of victims impacted by this act.  
8 The office may contract for administration of this fund. The flexible  
9 fund may be used for purposes including, but not limited to:

10 (a) Relocation assistance related to a change in safety planning  
11 associated with a juvenile's early release;

12 (b) Traveling to and from hearing locations for early release  
13 hearings conducted under RCW 13.40.185(3); and

14 (c) Out-of-pocket expenses for psychotherapy associated with the  
15 committed offense or early release.

16 (2) The department shall significantly enhance their victim  
17 services unit in order to offer victim advocacy services for victims  
18 impacted by this act. Such victim advocacy services must include:

19 (a) Legal advocacy to understand the early release process and how  
20 a victim can exercise their rights;

21 (b) Safety planning; and

22 (c) Case management to address needs that may arise as a result of  
23 early release under RCW 13.40.185(3)."

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25 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any  
26 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, in coordination with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to create a flexible fund and significantly enhance their victim services unit in order to offer victim advocacy services to serve victims and survivors of victims impacted by the underlying bill.

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