

1-1 By: Whitmire S.B. No. 2085
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2023; March 21, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 April 11, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 11, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2085 By: Hinojosa

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a grant program for crime victim notification systems.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 772.0079 to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 772.0079. GRANT PROGRAM FOR CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION
 1-24 SYSTEMS. (a) In this section:
 1-25 (1) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal
 1-26 justice division established under Section 772.006.
 1-27 (2) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of the
 1-28 state or an agency of a political subdivision of the state
 1-29 authorized by law to employ peace officers.
 1-30 (3) "Victim" means a person who has suffered personal
 1-31 injury or death as a result of the criminal conduct of another.
 1-32 (b) The criminal justice division shall establish and
 1-33 administer a grant program to provide financial assistance to a law
 1-34 enforcement agency for purposes of purchasing or developing a crime
 1-35 victim notification system.
 1-36 (c) The criminal justice division shall establish:
 1-37 (1) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;
 1-38 (2) grant application procedures;
 1-39 (3) criteria for evaluating grant applications and
 1-40 awarding grants;
 1-41 (4) guidelines related to grant amounts; and
 1-42 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant
 1-43 awarded under this section and ensuring compliance with any
 1-44 conditions of the grant.
 1-45 (d) A crime victim notification system for which a law
 1-46 enforcement agency seeks a grant under this section must:
 1-47 (1) automatically, and without the requirement to
 1-48 download a software application to opt in to notifications, notify
 1-49 a victim or relative of a deceased victim by e-mail or text message
 1-50 of all of the following regarding a victim's case:
 1-51 (A) the date on which the incident report is
 1-52 created;
 1-53 (B) the case number;
 1-54 (C) the names of investigators who are assigned
 1-55 to the case;
 1-56 (D) the date:
 1-57 (i) an arrest is made;
 1-58 (ii) an affidavit alleging probable cause
 1-59 is presented to the attorney representing the state; and
 1-60 (iii) the defendant is arraigned under

2-1 Chapter 26, Code of Criminal Procedure;
2-2 (E) whether the case has been dismissed by the
2-3 attorney representing the state; and
2-4 (F) any other information relevant to the case;
2-5 (2) interface with the law enforcement agency's system
2-6 of records;
2-7 (3) provide configurable triggers to directly send
2-8 messages;
2-9 (4) provide the capability:
2-10 (A) to attach informational brochures or other
2-11 electronic attachments to the messages;
2-12 (B) for a person to check the case status;
2-13 (C) to transmit notifications in English or
2-14 Spanish; and
2-15 (D) to respond to questions via artificial
2-16 intelligence;
2-17 (5) monitor the number and types of messages sent and
2-18 enable a user to visualize that data; and
2-19 (6) provide a survey tool so the law enforcement
2-20 agency can solicit feedback on victims services.
2-21 (e) Information in the crime victim notification system is
2-22 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.
2-23 (f) The criminal justice division may use any available
2-24 revenue for purposes of this section.
2-25 (g) As a condition of receiving a grant under this section,
2-26 a law enforcement agency shall annually report to the criminal
2-27 justice division the number and types of notifications sent using
2-28 the crime victim notification system.
2-29 (h) Not later than December 1 of each year, the criminal
2-30 justice division shall compile the information described by
2-31 Subsection (g) into a written report provided to the legislature.
2-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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