

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 3112

By Delegate Walker

[Introduced ; Referred
to the Committee on]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §9-11-1, relating to the creation of the Emergency Supplemental Victims
 3 Service Fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 11. EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL VICTIMS SERVICE FUND.

§9-11-1. Establishment of fund.

1 (a) The special fund known as the Emergency Supplemental Victims Service Fund is
 2 established.

3 (b) The fund shall consist of monies appropriated from the general revenue fund.

4 (c) Financial assistance shall be provided from the fund for victims of gun violence who
 5 have experienced a financial burden and trauma as a result of such violence. Individuals who are
 6 shot and their surviving family or families shall be entitled to the proceeds of the fund. The fund
 7 may be used for medical cost, lost wages, relocation, housing/daily living adaptations, mental
 8 health, and funeral costs.

9 (d) Such rules, regulations and standards shall comply with requirements of applicable
 10 federal laws, rules and regulations and shall be established on the basis of money available for the
 11 purpose, the number of recipients, and other causes among such recipients causing them to
 12 require medical services and the costs thereof, the amounts which recipients require otherwise in
 13 order to maintain a subsistence compatible with decency and health, and any other factor
 14 considered relevant and proper.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the Emergency Supplemental Victims Service Fund.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.