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## Memo

To: Victim Service Colleagues  
From: Larry Barker, Ph.D. – Director  
Date: October 13, 2009  
Re: Proviso 89.70 (Assessment Audit/Crime Victim Funds) Pursuant to Sections 14-1-206 (B) (D), 14-1-207 (B) (D), 14-1-208 (B) (D), and 14-1-211 (B) of the 1976 Code

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As the Director of the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA), I am excited about the working relationships that our office has gained over the years with the various agencies within the victim service field. We have worked hard together to bridge the gap in victim services and continue to strive to provide the best quality of services to those that have been victimized. In doing so, we now find ourselves at a point where we have newly developed legislation that enables SOVA to have some oversight of the crime victim funds.

Due to the new proviso 89.70, SOVA is now legislatively mandated to conduct Programmatic reviews on any entity or non-profit organization receiving victim assistance funding to ensure that the crime victim funds are expended in accordance to the law. If errors are found, the agency has 90 days to rectify the problem and a penalty will apply if this is not done within the specified time period.

Also, any local entity or non-profit organization who receives funding from the victim assistance funds is required to submit their budget to SOVA within 30 days of the budget being approved by local governing entity or non-profit organization.

This memo is to notify you of the new legislation and the newly developed auditing section within SOVA. Also, a copy of the new legislation is attached for your review.

Upon receipt of this information, please feel free to contact Ms. Ethel Douglas Ford at 803-734-1704 if you have questions regarding the new legislation or the auditing section.

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