

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Crime Victim Compensation Program (120-RICR-00-00-2)

Rule Identifier: 120-RICR-00-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: August 19, 2026

Hearing Date: September 4, 2026

End of Public Comment: September 20, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 12-25-18(c)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This amendment updates the Crime Victim Compensation Program rules to reflect recent statutory changes in R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 12-25-20 and 12-25-21(e). The revisions authorize compensation for hit-and-run victims who suffer serious bodily injury and allow victims of stalking to receive reimbursement for relocation or home-modification expenses. The amendments also remove larceny and the abominable and detestable crime against nature, including assault with intent to commit that offense, from the list of compensable crimes. In addition, the maximum amount available for relocation expenses under the emergency fund is increased to \$8,000.

The proposal includes clarifying language, technical corrections, and updates necessary for consistent program administration. It also provides provide the program with the flexibility to reimburse a parent or guardian who actually incurred the expense, while recognizing the financial realities faced by many dependent college students and their families.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until September 20, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: September 4, 2026
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: 50 Service Avenue
2nd Floor
Warwick, RI, 02886

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-462-7616 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed amendments update the Crime Victim Compensation Program rules to align with statutory changes in R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 12-25-20 and 12-25-21(e). The revisions expand eligibility to include hit-and-run victims sustaining serious bodily injury and authorize relocation and home-modification reimbursements for victims of stalking. The amendments remove larceny and the abominable and detestable crime against nature, including assault with intent to commit that offense, from compensable categories.

The proposal also increases the maximum emergency fund allocation for relocation expenses to \$8,000, adds clarifying and technical language necessary for program administration, and permits reimbursement to a parent or guardian who incurred eligible expenses on behalf of a dependent college student. The regulation change does not impact any industry and there is no negative societal cost of compliance.??

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.

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