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H. R. 4165

To protect crime victims' rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2014

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To protect crime victims' rights.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Crime Vic-

5 tims Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3771 of title 18, United

8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the

10 following:

1 “(9) The right to be informed in a timely man-
2 ner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution
3 agreement.

4 “(10) The right to be informed of the rights
5 under this section and the services described in sec-
6 tion 503(c) of the Victims’ Rights and Restitution
7 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 10607(c)) and provided con-
8 tact information for the Office of the Victims’
9 Rights Ombudsman of the Department of Justice.”;

10 (2) in subsection (d)(3), in the fifth sentence,
11 by inserting “, unless the litigants, with the approval
12 of the court, have stipulated to a different time pe-
13 riod for consideration” before the period; and

14 (3) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) by striking “this chapter, the term”
16 and inserting the following: “this chapter:

17 “(1) COURT OF APPEALS.—The term ‘court of
18 appeals’ means—

19 “(A) the United States court of appeals for
20 the judicial district in which a defendant is
21 being prosecuted; or

22 “(B) for a prosecution in the Superior
23 Court of the District of Columbia, the District
24 of Columbia Court of Appeals.

25 “(2) CRIME VICTIM.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”;

2 (B) by striking “In the case” and inserting
3 the following:

4 “(B) MINORS AND CERTAIN OTHER VIC-
5 TIMS.—In the case”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) DISTRICT COURT; COURT.—The terms
8 ‘district court’ and ‘court’ include the Superior
9 Court of the District of Columbia.”.

10 (b) CRIME VICTIMS FUND.—Section 1402(d)(3) of
11 the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601(d)(3))
12 is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “Of the sums”;
14 and

15 (2) by striking “available for the United States
16 Attorneys Offices” and all that follows and inserting
17 the following: “available only for—

18 “(i) the United States Attorneys Of-
19 fices and the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
20 tion to provide and improve services for
21 the benefit of crime victims in the Federal
22 criminal justice system (as described in
23 3771 of title 18, United States Code, and
24 section 503 of the Victims’ Rights and
25 Restitution Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.

10607)) through victim coordinators, victims' specialists, and advocates, including for the administrative support of victim coordinators and advocates providing such services; and

“(ii) a Victim Notification System.

“(B) Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) may not be used for any purpose that is not specified in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A).”.

(c) APPELLATE REVIEW OF PETITIONS RELATING TO
CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3771(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a)(2) of this section, is amended by inserting after the fifth sentence the following: “In deciding such application, the court of appeals shall apply ordinary standards of appellate review.”.

(2) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to any petition for a writ of mandamus filed under section 3771(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code, that is pending on the date of enactment of this Act.

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