

## §1214-C. Victims' Reparative Account

The Victims' Reparative Account, referred to in this section as "the account," is established within the department for the purpose of providing a mechanism for offenders to voluntarily make reparations to the victims of their crimes. [PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Offender" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2002, subsection 5; and [PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

B. "Victim" includes an authorized claimant for restitution described in Title 17-A, section 2004, subsection 1 or 4. [PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]  
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**2. Administration.** The Victim Services Coordinator under section 1214 shall administer the account. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all administrative costs of the account must be absorbed by the department.  
[PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

**3. Funding.** Money donated by an offender seeking to make reparations to the offender's victims must be deposited into the account and designated to the victim for whose benefit the offender wishes to deposit the money. Money may not be donated to the account by an offender if the donation would affect the offender's ability to pay any court-ordered restitution to all victims of the offender's crimes. Once deposited in the account, an offender may not reclaim the money.  
[PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

**4. Use.** The Victim Services Coordinator shall ensure that reasonable efforts are made to locate and notify the victim for whose benefit an offender has deposited money into the account. If a victim opts to claim the money deposited for that victim's benefit, a victim may use the money claimed under this section for any purpose.  
[PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

**5. Final disposition.** If, within 5 years of deposit from an offender, money has not been claimed by the victim for whose benefit the offender has deposited the money, the department may deduct an amount necessary to defray administrative costs of the account and shall transfer the remaining money in the account designated for that victim to the Victims' Compensation Fund established by Title 5, section 3360-H.  
[PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

**6. Confidentiality.** All records of deposits or claims in the account and the use of the money deposited in accordance with subsections 3 and 4 are confidential and may not be disclosed except by the victim. The records may also be disclosed to employees of the department as necessary for those employees in the performance of any official duty.  
[PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

**7. Participation voluntary.** The deposit of money in the account by an offender is voluntary. An adverse action may not be threatened or taken against an offender for not depositing funds in the account. An offender may not be offered or given any incentive for participating in the deposit of money in the account and the decision of an offender whether to deposit funds into the account may not be used as either a mitigating or aggravating factor in any decision made by the department. An offender may not disclose the offender's donation of money to the account for any purpose, including to influence a clemency petition. If an offender violates this subsection, the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility shall prohibit the offender from donating to the account.  
[PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).]

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 2025, c. 528, §2 (NEW).

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