SENATE BILL 2505
By Gresham

HOUSE BILL 1442

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, relative to victims' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-112, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) As used in this section, “attorney’s fees” includes compensation awarded pursuant to this subsection.

(2) If compensation under this chapter is awarded to a claimant who is not represented by an attorney in the claim and an employee or volunteer for a court appointed special advocates program filed the claim on behalf of the claimant or assisted the claimant in filing the claim, the compensation granted under this section shall be paid to the court appointed special advocates program with which the employee or volunteer is affiliated. Any compensation granted under this subsection shall be awarded in the manner and subject to the limits provided by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.