

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 612

"REQUIRES REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADMINISTRATION OF VOCA, VAWA, AND
FVPSA FUNDS, AND REPEALS PROVISIONS RESTRICTING ADMINISTRATION OF
SUCH FUNDS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 612.

Amend Senate Bill No. 612 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 36 and Page 2, delete lines 1 through 5 and substitute the following:

(b) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section shall not disburse VOCA, STOP VAWA, or FVPSA funds without providing an opportunity for subgrantee qualification selection assistance and programmatic support by the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission and other advisory bodies established to assist potential beneficiaries of such funds.

(c) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section shall not disburse VOCA funds without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant funding by:

(1) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault;

(2) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

(3) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocate Association;

(4) One (1) representative from the Prosecution Coordination Commission; and

(5) Any other advisory body or individual determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency.

(d)(1) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section shall not disburse funds under the Law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary percentages of the STOP Violence Against Women Act without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant funding by:

(A) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault;

(B) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

(C) The Prosecution Coordination Commission; and
(D) Any other advisory body or individual determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency.

(2) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section shall not disburse funds under the victims services and discretionary percentages of the STOP Violence Against Women Act without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant funding by:

(A) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault;

(B) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

(C) One (1) representative from the Prosecution Coordination Commission; and

(D) Any other advisory body or individual determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency.

(e) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section shall not disburse FVPSA funds without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant funding by:

(1) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

(2) One (1) representative from the Prosecution Coordination Commission; and

(3) Any other advisory body or individual determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency.

(f) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section shall promulgate rules and regulations, consistent with federal law, setting forth the policies and procedures for the administration and disbursement of VOCA, STOP VAWA, and FVPSA funds, including policies and procedures for the participation and assistance of advisory bodies established to assist potential beneficiaries of such funds."

AND

Page 3, line 23, delete "repealed" and substitute "amended to read as follows: "

AND

Page 5, delete line 14 and substitute the following:
"the processes outlined above."

25-1-107. Guidelines for advisory bodies.

(a) Where advisory bodies are specified by state or federal legislation or guidelines to act in conjunction with the entity or organization designated to administer funds of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the STOP Violence Against Women Act (STOP VAWA), and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the duties and protocol of those advisory bodies, as well as responsibilities of the state administrative agency, shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(1) The state administrative agency, after providing the opportunity for review and advice by the advisory bodies, shall:

(A) Establish a proposal activity calendar one hundred

eighty (180) days prior to the start of the upcoming funding cycle;

(B) Establish procedures and dates for review of subgrant funding applications for each funding cycle. The state administrative agency shall provide copies of subgrant applications submitted for review to the chairperson of each relevant advisory body;

(C) Establish, consistent with federal law, subgrant application forms;

(D) Establish deadlines for receiving subgrant applications;

(E) Establish dates of subgrant application technical assistance training sessions; and

(F) Establish subgrant applicant appeal process procedures.

(2) The state administrative agency shall meet with the relevant advisory bodies no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of mailing of application forms for the purpose of providing an opportunity for review of the content of such application forms. The state administrative agency shall provide drafts of all necessary subgrant application forms to the chairperson of the relevant advisory boards prior to such meeting.

(b) The state administrative agency shall make available to members of the advisory bodies, upon request, copies of current federal and state law and guidelines concerning the relevant VOCA, STOP VAWA, and FVPSA programs, including any formal interpretations of such law and guidelines by the state administrative agency.

(c) Any copies of forms, laws, guidelines, or interpretations required to be furnished by the state administrative agency must be made available on computer diskette or other requested electronic media if the requested item is feasibly able to be produced in the requested manner.

(d) The state administrative agency shall provide quarterly reports concerning subgrantee and administrative financial activity to the Governor and to the chairperson of each advisory body within ten (10) working days of the completion of such reports.

(e) Within one hundred twenty (120) days following the start of a subgrant funding cycle, the state administrative agency shall meet with focus groups made up of those programs that or individuals who applied for funds through the VOCA, STOP VAWA or FVPSA grant programs in the most recent funding cycle. These meetings are for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness and responsiveness of the application, application review and funding recommendation process in order to maintain the integrity of those processes. The state administrative agency shall provide reports of these meetings to the Governor and to the chairperson of each advisory body within ten (10) working days of the completion of such meetings."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

**By: Senator Mahony
EN/VJF - 040220011259
VVF397**

Secretary