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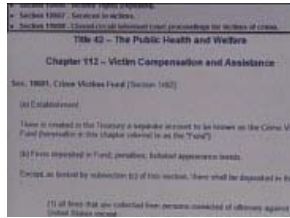
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Victims' Programs Facing Federal Funding Cuts

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March 3, 2008--The Iowa Attorney General's office will be hosting meetings with certain state agencies this month, to talk about ways to save money. Last month, President Bush announced next year's budget proposal and it included cuts across the board, but state victims' programs are facing some of the largest cuts ever.

In the last few years, victims' programs have seen cuts to their operating budgets, but not nearly as large as the one President Bush is proposing for next fiscal year. As it stands, domestic violence programs will see a twenty-percent cut. About \$120 million is being cut from the Violence Against Women Act fund.



The budget also shows a total cut of the nearly two-million dollar Victims of Crime Act fund, a source that many state victims' programs depend on. The brainstorming meetings with the Attorney General's office will be sometime this month.

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