**Legal Title**  
Victim - Witness Assistance Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**  
Chapter 618, Statutes of 2010 (AB 2791)  
Penal Code sections 13835-13835.7 and 1464 (f)(7)

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**Administering Agency/Organization Code**  
California Emergency Management Agency/Org 0690

**Major Revenue Source**  
- Penalty assessments for specified offenses, pursuant to Section 1464 of the Penal Code.  
- Control Section 24.10 of the annual Budget Act.

**Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**  
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

**Appropriation Authority**  
The money in this fund may be expended for the purposes specified, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**State Appropriations Limit**  
Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from penalties.

**Comments/Historical Information**  
Chapter 1312, Statutes of 1983 created this fund.

OCJP/Org 8100 is abolished as of 1/1/04, per Chapter 157, Statutes of 2003. OCJP’s programs have been transferred to California Emergency Management Agency/Org 0690

Per Chapter 372, Statutes of 2008, the Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security are merged to form the California Emergency Management Agency.