

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3706

To amend section 3663A of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that restitution includes necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by a person who has assumed the victim's rights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2024

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Victims’ Voices Out-
5 side and Inside the Courtroom Effectiveness Act” or the
6 “Victims’ VOICES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTITUTION FOR EXPENSES OF PERSONS WHO**
2 **HAVE ASSUMED THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS.**

3 Section 3663A(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) CLARIFICATION.—In ordering restitution under
6 this section, a court shall order the defendant to make
7 restitution to a person who has assumed the victim’s
8 rights under paragraph (2) to reimburse that person’s
9 necessary and reasonable—

10 “(A) lost income, child care, transportation, and
11 other expenses incurred during and directly related
12 to participation in the investigation or prosecution of
13 the offense or attendance at proceedings related to
14 the offense;

15 “(B) lost income, transportation, and other ex-
16 penses incurred that are directly related to trans-
17 porting the victim for necessary medical and related
18 professional services and devices relating to physical,
19 psychiatric, and psychological care, including non-
20 medical care and treatment rendered in accordance
21 with a method of healing recognized by the law of
22 the place of treatment; and

23 “(C) lost income, transportation, and other ex-
24 penses incurred that are directly related to trans-

- 1 porting the victim to receive necessary physical and
- 2 occupational therapy and rehabilitation.”.

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