

North Carolina Department of Administration

Eugenics Compensation Program

Government Operations Oversight Committee



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Session Law 2013-360



- Section 6.18(a) amends Article 9 of Chapter 143B
- Justice for Sterilization Victims Office until 6/30/15
- Participating Agencies:
 - Dept. of Admin/JSV Office receive claims, advocacy, research
 - Dept. of Commerce/Industrial Commission claim certification
 - State Treasurer's Office payment issuance
- \$10,000,000 to be divided between certified victims
- Key Dates:
 - June 30, 2013 Victim Must Have Been Alive
 - June 30, 2014 Victim Must File a Claim Form with JSV Office
 - June 30, 2015 Victims Will Be Paid



Statistics



Statistics (prior to Senate Bill 402)	Quantity	
Estimate of NC Eugenics Program Sterilizations between 1939 and 1974	7,600	
Estimate of Living Victims (from Jan 2012)	1,500 - 2,000	
Previous Contacts to the JSV Office (prior to 7/2013)	850+	
Previous Searches Resulting in a "Matched File"	196	
Therein: Living Victims of Previously "Matched Files" (at 4/2013)	175	



Activity to Date



Activity (as of March 21, 2014)	Quantity
Claim Forms Filed to Date	360
Valid Claim Forms and Files Provided to the Industrial Commission	199
Therein: Claims submitted for previously "matched files"	93



Program Timeline

Activity	Q1 FY '14	Q2 FY '14	Q3 FY '14	Q4 FY '14	FY 15	Beyond
Law Passes July 2013						
Develop Processes and Staff Office JSV Office and Industrial Commission						
Propose Temporary Rules Industrial Commission						
Temporary Rules Approved Office of Administrative Hearings						
Outreach Efforts JSV Office – ends 6/30/14						
Process Claims JSV Office - ends 6/30/15						
Claims Certification Process Industrial Commission						
Process 1st Pmnts to Certified Victims State Treasurer's Office – 6/30/15					•	
Denied Claims Appeals Process Industrial Commission						
Final Payments to All Victims State Treasurer						•

Outreach Program



- Letters to 800+ previous claimants
- Calls and Letters to all returned mail claimants and those who filed incomplete claims
- Interviews: Radio, Newspaper and Television
- Website updates
- Brochure distribution across NC (>1,400 DHHS and Other Agencies)
- Press Releases
- UNC Center for Civil Rights Advocacy



Short Session Considerations



Possible Legislative Action Required

- Match bill text to budget
- Address impact to income taxes
- Create flexibility for initial payments to occur on or about 7/1/15 (rather than 6/30/15)

Important Points

- Acknowledge the appeals process could extend beyond 6/30/15
- Understand there will likely be more than one payment to certified victims



Any Questions





