

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3706

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## AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

5 **SEC. 2. RESTITUTION FOR EXPENSES OF PERSONS WHO**  
6 **HAVE ASSUMED THE VICTIM’S RIGHTS.**

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

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

14 “(A) lost income, child care, transportation, and  
15 other expenses incurred during and directly related  
16 to participation in the investigation or prosecution of  
17 the offense or attendance at proceedings related to  
18 the offense;

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

1           “(C) lost income, transportation, and other ex-  
2           penses incurred that are directly related to trans-  
3           porting the victim to receive necessary physical and  
4           occupational therapy and rehabilitation.”.

Passed the Senate February 29, 2024.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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