

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the purposes for which money in the compensation to  
3 victims of crime fund may be used.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article 56.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 56.01. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

8 (1) "Close relative of a deceased victim" means a  
9 person who was the spouse of a deceased victim at the time of the  
10 victim's death or who is a parent or adult brother, sister, or child  
11 of the deceased victim.

12 (2) "Guardian of a victim" means a person who is the  
13 legal guardian of the victim, whether or not the legal relationship  
14 between the guardian and victim exists because of the age of the  
15 victim or the physical or mental incompetency of the victim.

16 (3) "Victim" means a person who is the victim of sexual  
17 assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or who has suffered  
18 personal [bodily] injury or death as a result of the criminal  
19 conduct of another.

20 SECTION 2. Article 56.32(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
21 amended by adding Subdivision (13) to read as follows:

22 (13) "Victim-related services or assistance" means  
23 compensation, services, or assistance provided directly to a victim  
24 or claimant for the purpose of supporting or assisting the recovery

1 of the victim or claimant from the consequences of criminally  
2 injurious conduct.

3 SECTION 3. Article 56.541(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 (b) At the time the attorney general certifies the estimates  
6 made under Subsection (a), the attorney general shall also certify  
7 for the next state fiscal biennium the amount of excess money in the  
8 compensation to victims of crime fund for purposes of Subsection  
9 (c), calculated by subtracting [~~multiplying~~] the amount estimated  
10 under Subsection (a)(2) [~~by 120 percent, and subtracting that~~  
11 ~~product~~] from the sum of the amounts estimated under Subsections  
12 (a)(1) and (a)(3).

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

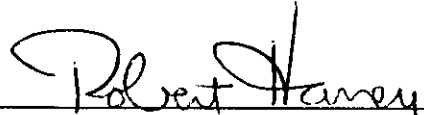


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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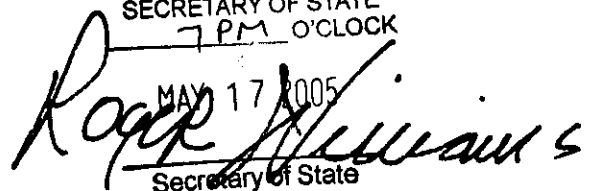
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