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H.B. No. 28

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to eliminating the compensation to victims of crime fund
3 as a source of funding for the Crime Victims' Institute.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Article 56.54, Code of Criminal
6 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (h), (i), (j), and (k)
8 and Article 56.541, the compensation to victims of crime fund may be
9 used only by the attorney general for the payment of compensation to
10 claimants or victims under this subchapter. For purposes of this
11 subsection, compensation to claimants or victims includes money
12 allocated from the fund [~~to the Crime Victims' Institute created by~~
13 ~~Section 96.65, Education Code, for the operation of the institute~~
14 ~~and] for [~~other~~] expenses in administering this subchapter. [~~The~~
15 ~~institute shall use money allocated from the fund only for the~~
16 ~~purposes of Sections 96.65, 96.651, and 96.652, Education Code.]~~~~

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
22 legislative session.