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H.B. No. 1489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

Art. 56.01. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

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

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

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

(13) "Victim-related services or assistance" means compensation, services, or assistance provided directly to a victim 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.