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TO: Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1489 by Turner (Relating to the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund may be used.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the definition of a victim within Article 56.01 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure by changing Subdivision (3) to include persons who suffered "personal injury" as a result of the criminal conduct of another. The bill also would amend Article 56.32(a) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure by adding Subdivision (13) to define victim-related services or assistance to mean "compensation, services, or assistance provided directly to a victim or claimant for the purpose of supporting or assisting the recovery of the victim or claimant from the consequences of criminally injurious conduct."

The bill would eliminate the 120 percent multiplier for claims paid out of the Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) fund which, in effect, would make available CVC funds for other programs that deliver or provide victim-related services or assistance. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

It is estimated that elimination of the 120 multiplier would make available \$28,358,249 to other victim-related services or assistance programs during the 2006-07 biennium. In future biennia, it is projected that the effect of eliminating the 120 percent multiplier would reduce the amount calculated for claims by \$36,250,949 in 2008-09 and by \$41,232,634 in 2010-11. Assuming sufficient balances and revenue are available to support appropriations out of the CVC fund, these amounts would be available for other CVC victim-related services or assistance during the respective biennia. No additional revenue would be generated by passage of this legislation.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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