

AN ACT

relating to the administration of the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56.54, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) Not later than September 15 of each year, the attorney general, after consulting with the comptroller, shall certify the amount of money remaining in the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund at the end of the preceding state fiscal year. If the amount remaining in the fund exceeds \$5 million, as soon as practicable after the date of certification, the attorney general may transfer from that excess amount in the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund to the compensation to victims of crime fund an amount that is not more than 50 percent of the excess amount in the auxiliary fund, to be used only for the purpose of making compensation payments during the fiscal year in which the amount is transferred.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Article 56.541, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) At the time the attorney general certifies the estimates made under Subsection (a), the attorney general shall also certify for the next state fiscal biennium the amount of excess money in the compensation to victims of crime fund available for the purposes of

1 Subsection (c), calculated by multiplying [~~subtracting~~] the amount
2 estimated under Subsection (a)(2) by 105 percent, and subtracting
3 that product from the sum of the amounts estimated under
4 Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(3).

5 SECTION 3. The attorney general may not transfer money
6 under Subsection (m), Article 56.54, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
7 added by this Act, before the 2011 state fiscal year.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

S.B. No. 1377

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1377 passed the Senate on April 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1377 passed the House on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor