AN ACT
relating to compensation under the Crime Victims' Compensation Act
for certain expenses.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56.42(d), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
amended to read as follows:

(d) A victim who is a victim of stalking, family violence,
or trafficking of persons, or a victim of sexual assault who is
assaulted in the victim's place of residence, or a child who is a victim of a murder attempt in the child's place of residence may
receive a onetime-only assistance payment in an amount not to exceed:

(1) $2,000 to be used for relocation expenses, including expenses for rental deposit, utility connections, expenses relating to the moving of belongings, motor vehicle mileage expenses, and for out-of-state moves, transportation, lodging, and meals; and

(2) $1,800 to be used for housing rental expenses.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
to a victim of a criminal offense committed on or after the
effective date of this Act. A criminal offense committed before the
effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in
effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, a criminal
offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.
H.B. No. 2079

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2079 was passed by the House on April 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2079 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: __________________________

Date

Governor