

1-1 By: Manuel, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3745
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2025;
1-3 May 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 May 21, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 13,
1-5 Nays 0; May 21, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Huffman	X			
1-9	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-10	Alvarado	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Campbell	X			
1-13	Creighton	X			
1-14	Flores	X			
1-15	Hall			X	
1-16	Kolkhorst			X	
1-17	Nichols	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	Perry	X			
1-20	Schwertner	X			
1-21	West	X			
1-22	Zaffirini	X			

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to crime victims' compensation.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Article 56B.102, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-28 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
1-29 read as follows:

1-30 (a) ~~The [Before acting on an application for compensation~~
1-31 ~~under this chapter, the]~~ attorney general may make an emergency
1-32 award for anticipated pecuniary losses if it appears likely that:

1-33 (1) a final award will be made; and

1-34 (2) the claimant or victim will suffer undue hardship
1-35 if immediate economic relief is not obtained.

1-36 (d) The limitations on emergency awards described by
1-37 Subsections (a)(1) and (c) do not apply to an application for
1-38 compensation under this chapter:

1-39 (1) made by a claimant in relation to a deceased
1-40 victim; and

1-41 (2) arising from criminally injurious conduct that
1-42 resulted in a proclaimed state of emergency under Section 433.001,
1-43 Government Code.

1-44 SECTION 2. Article 56B.102, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
1-45 amended by this Act, applies only to compensation for criminally
1-46 injurious conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this
1-47 Act. Compensation for criminally injurious conduct occurring
1-48 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
1-49 effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is
1-50 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
1-51 criminally injurious conduct occurred before the effective date of
1-52 this Act if any element of the offense underlying the conduct
1-53 occurred before that date.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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