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S.B. No. 1336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the amount of certain awards under the Crime Victims' Compensation Act.

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

SECTION 1. Articles 56B.106(b) and (e), Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to an award payable under Subsection (a), the attorney general may award not more than \$100,000 [~~\$75,000~~] for extraordinary pecuniary loss if the personal injury to a victim is catastrophic and results in a total and permanent disability to the victim. An award described by this subsection may be made for lost wages and the reasonable and necessary costs of:

- (1) making a home or motor vehicle accessible;
- (2) obtaining job training and vocational rehabilitation;
- (3) training in the use of a special appliance;
- (4) receiving home health care;
- (5) durable medical equipment;
- (6) rehabilitation technology; and
- (7) long-term medical expenses incurred as a result of medically indicated treatment for the personal injury.

(e) The attorney general by rule may establish a limitation on any other pecuniary loss compensated under this chapter, including a limitation on pecuniary loss incurred as a result of a

1 claimant's travel to and attendance of a deceased victim's funeral.
2 A limitation established under this subsection on pecuniary loss
3 incurred for funeral and burial expenses, including expenses
4 related to a claimant's travel to and attendance of a deceased
5 victim's funeral, may not be less than \$9,000.

6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
7 to compensation for criminally injurious conduct occurring on or
8 after the effective date of this Act. Compensation for criminally
9 injurious conduct occurring before the effective date of this Act
10 is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred,
11 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
12 purposes of this section, criminally injurious conduct occurred
13 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
14 underlying the conduct occurred before that date.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.