

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1666
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2025; March 11, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 March 20, 2025, rereferred to Criminal Justice; April 23, 2025,
1-5 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Flores	X			
1-10	Parker	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Huffman	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles			X	

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1666 By: Hagenbuch

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the payment of restitution.
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-21 SECTION 1. Section 493.035, Government Code, is amended by
1-22 adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (c-3) to read as follows:
1-23 (c-1) The department shall transfer to the clerk of the
1-24 court that entered an order of restitution for which the department
1-25 received notice as described by Subsection (c)(1) a restitution
1-26 payment derived from unclaimed property for which a claim was filed
1-27 by the department as described by Subsection (a). The department
1-28 shall include with the restitution payment the last known address
1-29 of the victim available to the department, if any.
1-30 (c-2) The department shall post on the department's
1-31 Internet website the contact information for a department employee
1-32 who is able to respond to inquiries from county officials regarding
1-33 a transferred restitution payment.
1-34 (c-3) Information provided to the clerk of a court under
1-35 Subsection (c-1) is confidential and not subject to disclosure
1-36 under Chapter 552.
1-37 SECTION 2. Section 508.322, Government Code, is amended by
1-38 amending Subsections (c) and (e) and adding Subsection (c-3) to
1-39 read as follows:
1-40 (c) When a parole panel orders the payment of restitution
1-41 from a releasee as provided by Article 42.037(h), Code of Criminal
1-42 Procedure, the department shall:
1-43 (1) collect the payment for disbursement to the
1-44 victim;
1-45 (2) deposit the payment in the releasee restitution
1-46 fund; ~~and~~
1-47 (3) transmit the payment to the clerk of the court that
1-48 entered the order of restitution as soon as practicable for the
1-49 clerk to remit the payment to the victim; and
1-50 (4) provide at the time the payment is transmitted
1-51 under Subdivision (3) to the clerk of the court that entered the
1-52 order of restitution the last known address of the victim available
1-53 to the department, if any.
1-54 (c-3) Information provided to the clerk of a court under
1-55 Subsection (c)(4) is confidential and not subject to disclosure
1-56 under Chapter 552.
1-57 (e) If a victim who is entitled to restitution does not make
1-58 a claim for payment before the third ~~fifth~~ anniversary of the date
1-59 the clerk of the court receives the initial restitution payment or
1-60 if, after the victim makes a claim for payment, the clerk is unable

2-1 to locate the victim for a period of three [~~five~~] years after the
2-2 date the clerk last made a payment to the victim, any unclaimed
2-3 restitution payments being held by the clerk for payment to the
2-4 victim are presumed abandoned. The clerk of the court shall report
2-5 and deliver to the comptroller all unclaimed restitution payments
2-6 presumed abandoned under this section in the manner provided by
2-7 Chapter 77, Property Code.

2-8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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