

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Pete Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1666 by Zaffirini (Relating to the payment of restitution by a person released on parole or to mandatory supervision.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1666, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0
2029	\$0
2030	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>Crime Victims Aux Acct</i> 494	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>Crime Victims Comp Acct</i> 469
2026	(\$1,580,000)	\$1,580,000
2027	(\$1,537,000)	\$1,537,000
2028	(\$1,537,000)	\$1,537,000
2029	(\$1,537,000)	\$1,537,000
2030	(\$1,537,000)	\$1,537,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would direct any restitution payments made as a condition of parole or mandatory supervision that remain unclaimed by the victim for three years be deposited to GR Account 0469 – Compensation to Victims of Crime. Current law directs such restitution payments that have been abandoned for five years be transferred to the Comptroller as abandoned property and deposited to GR Account 0494 – Compensation to Victims of Crime Auxiliary.

Note: This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either in, with, or outside the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Methodology

The fiscal impact is based on the Comptroller's 2026-27 Biennial Revenue Estimate for revenue and interest earned in GR Account 0494 – Compensation to Victims of Crime Auxiliary. Revenue from unclaimed compensation to crime victims that is deposited in that account would instead be deposited to GR Account 0469 – Compensation to Victims of Crime.

The fiscal impact resulting from the reduction of time before an unclaimed restitution payment is considered abandoned from five years to three years cannot be estimated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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