

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the maximum amount that the attorney general may award for extraordinary pecuniary losses is limited to \$50,000 if the personal injury is catastrophic and results in total and permanent disability to the victim. The costs to such victims for the equipment and assistance used to better enable them to return to their lives can easily exceed this limit. As proposed, S.B. 1202 increases the maximum limit for this additional compensation to a crime victim from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 56.42(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize the attorney general to award, in addition to an award payable under Subsection (a), an additional \$75,000, rather than \$50,000, to certain crime victims.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.