

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, a permanently disabled officer who was injured in the line of duty as a result of another person's criminally injurious conduct is eligible for benefits through a local disability plan. However, benefits received under such plans may not make up for the total amount of lost income or provide for continuing medical expenses. H.B. 522 allows certain officers who have been permanently disabled through criminally injurious conduct to have access to the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund through the Office of the Attorney General.

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. Provides that this Act shall be known as the Bill Biles Law.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 56B, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Section 56.375, as follows:

Sec. 56.375. PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS. Defines "peace officer." Provides that Article 56.37 does not apply to a peace officer injured after August 31, 1989, and before September 2, 2001, as a result of the criminally injurious conduct of another person while the officer is performing duties as a peace officer. Authorizes those peace officers to file an application under this subchapter not later than September 1, 2002, if they otherwise meet the requirements of this subchapter. Provides that this section expires September 2, 2002.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.