

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Current statute does not explicitly include certain crimes related to reckless driving and deadly conduct as compensable under the Crime Victims' Compensation Act. The Texas Office of the Attorney General is authorized to rule reckless driving and deadly conduct as compensable under the crime of aggravated assault, as it relates to the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

As proposed, S.B. 157 includes the specific crimes of passing an authorized emergency vehicle, reckless driving, and deadly conduct in the definition of "criminally injurious conduct," making victims of such crimes eligible for compensation from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, rather than ruling those victims as compensable under "aggravated assault."

### **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 Section 56.32(a)(4), Code of Criminal Procedure, to redefine "criminally injurious conduct."

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.