

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB420
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Impact:	See analysis below

Research Analysis

SB 420 extends from 1 year to 30 months the time frame in which a claim is required to be made to the Crime Victims Compensation Board. The measure provides that a self-inflicted injury is not to be attributed to the victim when the Board finds the injury is a direct result of the crime committed against the victim. The measure increases the compensatory amount available to a victim because of economic loss from injury or death from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and increases the amount that may be awarded specifically for loss of wages or loss of support for dependents of a deceased victim from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The measure increases the cap on awards from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure makes changes to the timeframe and award amounts for certain claims paid by the Crime Victims Compensation Board. The Victims Compensation Fund is funded by a fee assessed on criminal-type cases, not any state appropriated dollars. Therefore, while the fund may see some increased payouts due to the requirements of SB420, this measure is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.