

1-1 By: Patterson, Thierry, Leach H.B. No. 844
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Paxton)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2023;
 1-4 May 8, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-5 Justice; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to crime victims' compensation for criminally injurious
 1-19 conduct in connection with trafficking of persons.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56B, Code of Criminal
 1-22 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 56B.0035 to read as
 1-23 follows:

1-24 Art. 56B.0035. CRIMINALLY INJURIOUS CONDUCT. (a) For
 1-25 purposes of this chapter, criminally injurious conduct includes the
 1-26 solicitation or patronization of forced labor or services,
 1-27 including sexual conduct, by any person if the solicitation or
 1-28 patronization occurs in connection with a scheme or course of
 1-29 conduct that constitutes the trafficking of persons.

1-30 (b) A victim of criminally injurious conduct described by
 1-31 Subsection (a) is a trafficking victim for the purposes of grant
 1-32 programs administered by the office of the governor.

1-33 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-34 to compensation for criminally injurious conduct occurring on or
 1-35 after the effective date of this Act. Compensation for criminally
 1-36 injurious conduct occurring before the effective date of this Act
 1-37 is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred,
 1-38 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-39 purposes of this section, criminally injurious conduct occurred
 1-40 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
 1-41 underlying the conduct occurred before that date.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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