OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

• Expands the definition of economic loss to include accounting costs incurred to determine the extent of a crime victim's loss for which restitution may be granted.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under continuing law, a victim of a crime may receive restitution based on economic loss that was a direct and proximate result of an offense.¹ As defined in current law, economic loss means any economic detriment suffered by a victim and includes any loss of income due to lost time at work because of any injury caused to the victim, and any property loss, medical cost, or funeral expense incurred as a result of the commission of the offense. Noneconomic losses and punitive or exemplary damages are specifically excluded from the definition.

The bill adds to the definition of economic loss by including accounting costs that are incurred to determine the extent of the victim's loss.²

HISTORY

ACTION DATE

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¹ R.C. 2929.18(A)(1) and 2929.28(A)(1), not in the bill.

² R.C. 2929.01(L).