

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 1577 — Crime Victim Compensation Claims

by Judiciary Committee and Rep. Alvarez and others (CS/SB 1104 by Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice and Senator Wright)

The bill amends s. 960.07, F.S., to extend the time a victim may file a claim for compensation under the Florida Crimes Compensation Act. Specifically, the bill provides that upon a showing that a delay in filing a claim occurred because of a delay in the testing of, or delay in the DNA profile matching from, a sexual assault forensic examination kit or biological material collected as evidence related to a sexual offense, a person who is eligible for compensation may receive a waiver from the Department of Legal Affairs of any claim filing deadline.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0