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Senator Fasano moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 444 and 445 insert:

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Section 13. Section 960.198, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

960.198 Relocation assistance for victims of domestic violence or sexual violence.-

(1) Notwithstanding the criteria set forth in s. 960.13 for crime victim compensation awards, the department may award a one-time payment of up to \$1,500 on any one claim and a lifetime maximum of \$3,000 to a victim of domestic violence who needs immediate assistance to escape from a domestic violence



environment or to a victim of sexual violence who reasonably fears for her or his safety.

- (2) In order for an award to be granted to a victim for relocation assistance:
- (a) There must be proof that a domestic violence or sexual violence offense was committed;
- (b) The domestic violence or sexual violence offense must be reported to the proper authorities;
- (c) The victim's need for assistance must be certified by a certified domestic violence center or a certified rape crisis center in this state; and
- (d) The center certification must assert that the victim is cooperating with law enforcement officials, if applicable, and must include documentation that the victim has developed a safety plan.

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And the title is amended as follows:

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offenses; amending s. 960.198, F.S.; authorizing relocation assistance awards to certain victims of sexual violence; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring that public