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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 1120 provides that the court may order the state to reimburse any defendant charged with murder who is found not guilty due to justifiable homicide for reasonable costs and expenses involved in their defense. The court must find that the defendant showed by a preponderance of the evidence that the homicide was justified prior to determining the amount of the award. The court may deny or reduce the amount of an award if the court determines that the defendant was engaged in criminal conduct substantially related to the events resulting in the charges filed against the defendant. The CS also clarifies that reimbursement of costs shall not constitute an independent cause of action.

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