Dugard to receive \$20 mil. from state

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The state Legislature voted this morning to give kidnap victim Jaycee Lee Dugard \$20 million to head off a potentially larger judgment against the state for failing to adequately supervise her alleged kidnapper, prison parolee Phillip Garrido.

The \$20 million was placed into an otherwise routine "ciaims bill," Assembly Bill 1714, on Wednesday. It passed the Senate 30-1 and the Assembly 62-0 sending it to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Because the bill would clear the Legislature in the new fiscal year and the state has not approved a budget, the governor will have to formally request that the measure come to his desk.



Jaycee Lee Dugard

Dugard was 11 years old when she was kidnapped off the street near her home in South Lake Tahoe in 1991, and authorities say she was held prisoner for nearly two decades in Garrido's Antioch home. He and his wife, Nancy, face numerous charges relating to the case and potentially face life in prison.

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