

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1329  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Generally speaking, a county that initiates mental health proceedings, whether by emergency detention or by filing an application for inpatient commitment, is responsible for any court costs. Interested parties are concerned that state law is ambiguous regarding who is responsible for costs when an entity other than the county initiates such a proceeding. H.B. 1329 seeks to clarify this matter.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1329 amends the Health and Safety Code to prohibit the county responsible for paying the costs of a hearing or proceeding under the Texas Mental Health Code from paying the costs from the additional filing fee collected in a statutory probate court to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.