

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1821  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; March 26, 2021, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 8, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 8, 2021,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Hinojosa	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Hughes	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1821 By: Huffman

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to procurement of a contingent fee contract for legal  
1-18 services by certain governmental entities.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 2254.101(2), Government Code, is amended  
1-21 to read as follows:

1-22 (2) "Contingent fee contract" means a contract for  
1-23 legal services under which the amount or the payment of the fee for  
1-24 the services is contingent in whole or in part on the outcome of the  
1-25 matter for which the services were obtained. The term includes an  
1-26 amendment to a contract for legal services described by this  
1-27 subdivision if the amendment:

1-28 (A) changes the scope of representation; or

1-29 (B) may result in:

1-30 (i) the filing of an action; or

1-31 (ii) the amending of a petition in an  
1-32 existing action.

1-33 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
1-34 a contract or contract amendment entered into on or after the  
1-35 effective date of this Act.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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