

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1834
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law instructs the state to pay up to \$1,600 for each civil commitment proceeding. The actual costs of a civil commitment proceedings are close to three times that amount. Currently, all civil commitment cases are conducted in Montgomery county, and the county absorbs these excess costs. C.S.S.B. 1834 increases the cap on state payment for a civil commitment case from \$1,600 to \$2,500.

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

SECTION 1. Amends Section 841.146(c), Health and Safety Code, to increase the cap on state payments for a civil commitment proceeding conducted under Subchapter D from \$1,600 to \$2,500.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003