

Amend SB 780 by Hinojosa as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike amended Section 26.04(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, and substitute the following:

(f) In a county in which a public defender's office is created or designated under Article 26.044, the court or the courts' designee shall ~~[may]~~ give priority in appointing ~~[appoint]~~ that office to represent the defendant. The court is not required to make an appointment under this subsection if:

(1) the court has reason to appoint other counsel; or

(2) a managed assigned counsel program also exists in the county and an attorney will be appointed under that program ~~[in accordance with guidelines established for the office]~~.

(2) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill amending Section 26.044(c-1), Code of Criminal Procedure.