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H.B. No. 1329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the payment of costs incurred by the involuntary  
3 commitment of persons with mental illness.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 571.018(a) and (b), Health and Safety  
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The costs for a hearing or proceeding under this  
8 subtitle shall be paid by:

9 (1) the county in which ~~[that initiates]~~ emergency  
10 detention procedures are initiated under Subchapter A or B, Chapter  
11 573; or

12 (2) if no emergency detention procedures are  
13 initiated, the county that accepts an application for court-ordered  
14 mental health services, issues an order for protective custody, or  
15 issues an order for temporary mental health services.

16 (b) The county responsible for the costs of a hearing or  
17 proceeding under Subsection (a) shall pay the costs of all  
18 subsequent hearings or proceedings for that person under this  
19 subtitle until the person is discharged from mental health  
20 services. The county may not pay the costs from any fees collected  
21 under Section 51.704, Government Code. The costs shall be billed by  
22 the clerk of the court conducting the hearings.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.