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H.B. No. 1550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to
3 reimburse counties for certain costs for confining a person pending
4 a transfer to the department.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 499, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 499.1215 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 499.1215. REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES. (a) A county is
9 entitled to reimbursement from the department for the cost of
10 confining an inmate described by Section 499.121(c) in a county
11 jail at a rate of \$45 for each day the inmate remains confined
12 following the date on which all processing required for transfer
13 has been completed.

14 (b) A county judge may request reimbursement by submitting
15 to the comptroller a statement of the amount for which the county is
16 entitled to reimbursement under Subsection (a). On receipt of a
17 statement from a county under this subsection, the comptroller
18 shall reimburse the county in the amount requested from funds
19 appropriated to the department.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 508, Government Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 508.285 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 508.285. REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES. (a) A county is
23 entitled to reimbursement from the department for the cost of
24 confining a person described by Section 508.281(a) in a county jail

1 at a rate of \$45 for each day the person remains confined following
2 the date on which the county's processing related to the transfer of
3 the person to the department has been completed if the person is
4 confined after an ineligible release or only on a charge that the
5 person has committed an administrative violation of release.

6 (b) A county judge may request reimbursement by submitting
7 to the comptroller a statement of the amount for which the county is
8 entitled to reimbursement under Subsection (a). On receipt of a
9 statement from a county under this subsection, the comptroller
10 shall reimburse the county in the amount requested from funds
11 appropriated to the department.

12 SECTION 3. Section 499.1215, Government Code, as added by
13 this Act, applies only to the reimbursement of a county for the cost
14 of confinement of an inmate described by Section 499.1215(a) that
15 occurs on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of
16 whether all processing required for transfer of the inmate to the
17 Texas Department of Criminal Justice is completed before, on, or
18 after the effective date of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. Section 508.285, Government Code, as added by
20 this Act, applies only to a person who is arrested on or after the
21 effective date of this Act. A person arrested before the effective
22 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
23 person was arrested, and the former law is continued in effect for
24 that purpose.

25 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.