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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a public defender's investigation into a defendant's finances.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 26.044(l), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(l)  A public defender's office may investigate the financial condition of any person the public defender's office is appointed to represent. [~~The public defender's office shall report the results of the investigation to the appointing judge. The judge may hold a hearing to determine if the person is indigent and entitled to representation under this article.~~]

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.