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H.B. No. 178

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a credit toward payment of costs for a defendant confined in jail or another facility before sentencing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 42.03, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) In addition to the credit on the defendant's sentence given under Subsection (a), for each day of confinement described by Subdivision (1) of that subsection, the judge shall give the defendant, at a rate of \$100 per day, credit toward payment of costs imposed on the defendant.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a defendant who is sentenced for an offense on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense is committed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.