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H.B. No. 2131

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a public defender's investigation into a defendant's
3 finances.

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

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

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

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