

Amend **HB 295** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 26.0442(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "indigent defense compensation expenditures" for a tax year means the difference between:

(1) the amount paid by a county in the period beginning on July 1 of the tax year preceding the tax year for which the tax is adopted and ending on June 30 of the tax year for which the tax is adopted to:

(A) provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(B) fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(2) [~~, in the period beginning on July 1 of the tax year preceding the tax year for which the tax is adopted and ending on June 30 of the tax year for which the tax is adopted, less~~] the amount of any state grants received by the county during that period for those purposes [~~the same purpose~~].

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 26.0442, Tax Code, as amended by this Act, applies to the calculation of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for a county only for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2022.