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H.B. No. 3482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the definition of "indigent defense compensation  
3 expenditures" for purposes of the adjustment of a county's  
4 no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate to reflect  
5 increases in those expenditures.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 26.0442(a), Tax Code, is amended to read  
8 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

1 for those purposes [~~the same purpose~~].

2           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the  
3 calculation of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate  
4 for a county only for a tax year beginning on or after the effective  
5 date of this Act.

6           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.