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S.B. No. 1551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to court reporter costs incurred in a hearing or
3 proceeding for the involuntary detention of a person with mental
4 illness.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 571.018(c), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) Costs under this section include:

- 9 (1) attorney's fees;
- 10 (2) physician examination fees;
- 11 (3) compensation for court-appointed personnel listed
12 under Section 571.017;
- 13 (4) expenses of transportation to a mental health
14 facility or to a federal agency not to exceed \$50 if transporting
15 within the same county and not to exceed the reasonable cost of
16 transportation if transporting between counties;
- 17 (5) costs and salary supplements authorized under
18 Sections 574.031(i) and (j); ~~and~~
- 19 (6) prosecutor's fees authorized under Section
20 574.031(k); and
- 21 (7) court reporter costs.

22 SECTION 2. Section 571.018(c), Health and Safety Code, as
23 amended by this Act, applies only to the court reporter costs
24 incurred on or after the effective date of this Act. Court reporter

1 costs incurred before the effective date of this Act are governed by
2 the law in effect when the hearing was initiated, and the former law
3 is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.