By:  Hayes (Senate Sponsor - Cook) H.B. No. 305

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025; May 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 21, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Flores          X

Parker          X

Hagenbuch       X

Hinojosa of Hidalgo  X

Huffman                    X

King            X

Miles           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the time period for conducting pretrial hearings after a criminal defendant has been restored to competency.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 46B.084(d-1), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(d-1)  This article does not require the criminal case to be finally resolved within any specific period, except that, in a jurisdiction to which Subsection (d)(1) applies, a pretrial hearing on any evidentiary or procedural issue that must be resolved for the criminal proceedings in the case to proceed to trial or another resolution must be conducted not later than the 14th day after the date of the court's determination under this article that the defendant's competency has been restored.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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