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H. B. No. 3449

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the reimbursement of expenses to certain counsel
3 appointed to represent a defendant in a criminal proceeding.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to
7 read as follows:

12 (1) investigation;

13 (2) [and for] mental health and other experts; and

20 (B) any costs associated with remotely entering
21 into a confidential communication with the defendant.

22 (d-1) Expenses under Subsection (d) incurred with prior
23 court approval shall be reimbursed in the same manner provided for
24 capital cases by Articles 26.052(f) and (g) and expenses under

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1 Subsection (d) incurred without prior court approval shall be
2 reimbursed in the manner provided for capital cases by Article
3 **26.052(h).**

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to expenses incurred on or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.