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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to representation for an indigent person subject to a
- 3 civil commitment proceeding.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 841.005, Health and Safety Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 841.005. TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE [OFFICE OF
- 8 STATE COUNSEL FOR OFFENDERS]. (a) In this section, "board" means
- 9 the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.
- 10 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) [(b)], the board
- 11 [Office of State Counsel for Offenders] shall provide
- 12 representation for [represent] an indigent person subject to a
- 13 civil commitment proceeding under this chapter.
- (c) [(b)] If for any reason the board [Office of State
- 15 Counsel for Offenders is unable to provide representation for
- 16 [represent] an indigent person described by Subsection (b) [(a)] at
- 17 a civil commitment proceeding under this chapter, the court shall
- 18 appoint other counsel to represent the indigent person.
- 19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.