



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 277** HLS 25RS 914
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: State Public Defender, District Attorneys, and Sheriffs		
Subject: Pre-Trial Procedures		Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE

EG NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to certain pretrial procedures

Current law provides for rules governing first appearances, assignment of defense counsel, bail determinations, preliminary examinations, time restrictions on bills of information and indictment, examinations of witnesses, procedures governing the right to a speedy trial, and issuance and service of subpoenas. Proposed law provides upon a determination of a defendant’s indigency, the defendant has the right to have the court appoint counsel to defend him from his initial appearance until the case’s conclusion; provides that if a court determines that the arrested person is indigent, the court shall appoint qualified counsel to represent him at the preliminary examination; provides that upon motion of the state or the defendant, the transcript of the preliminary examination shall be promptly provided to the state or defense counsel.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

Proposed law reiterates the right to counsel for a defendant deemed indigent and extends that right to representation of those indigent at the preliminary examination, along with requiring transcripts of the preliminary examination to be provided to the state or defense counsel. Any expenditures related to these measures can be absorbed by district defenders and Local clerks.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

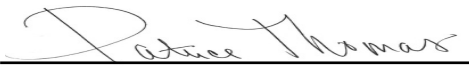
☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

Dual Referral Rules

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☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}



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