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Overview

This bill modifies certain provisions related to venue in civil commitment proceedings, including replacing reference to a person's county of legal residence with the county of financial responsibility.

Section

- 1** **County of financial responsibility.** Provides a definition of "county of financial responsibility." This term replaces references throughout the bill to a person's county of residence for purposes of establishing proper venue in a civil commitment proceeding.
- 2-6** **Conforming references.** Replaces references to a person's county of residence with the county of financial responsibility, or conforming changes, in various provisions of law related to civil commitment proceedings.
- 7** **Change of venue.** Modifies certain procedures related to transfer of venue in a civil commitment proceeding.
- 8-11** **Conforming references.** Replaces references to a person's county of residence with the county of financial responsibility, or conforming changes, in various provisions of law related to civil commitment proceedings.
- 12** **Prepetition screening and early intervention petitions.** Requires the county of financial responsibility to conduct a prepetition screening and, if necessary, a petition for early intervention or commitment.

Standards are provided for transferring the requirement to another county if the county of financial responsibility fails or refuses to conduct the screening or file an appropriate petition, or if it is not clear which county is the county of financial responsibility.