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This bill requires a criminal court to order simultaneous competency and civil commitment examinations when the defendant's competency is in question and both parties agree it's appropriate. An additional examination is not required in a subsequent civil commitment proceeding unless requested by a defense counsel appointed following filing of the petition. Also provides a defendant with a right to counsel when simultaneous examinations are ordered.