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EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

Changes between HB 289 and proposed CSHB 289 () (26-LS1304\C):

- On page 4, line 2 after “officer,” the phrase “if the person is exonerated” is added to make clear that only public officers who are exonerated may receive reimbursement from the state for reasonable legal fees incurred in defending against an alleged ethics violation.
- Under section 4 (a) of the proposed CS to HB 289 (page 3, line 29 to page 4, line 5), a public officer may only receive reimbursement for legal expenses *after* receiving a favorable judgment, rather than at any time after the complaint has been filed, as was provided in the original version of HB 289 (page 3, line 29 to page 4, line 9).
- Page 4, lines 12-16 of HB 289 were deleted to conform to the changes made above.
- A stylistic change was made on page 4, line 29 of HB 289 (page 4, line 20 of the CS), replacing the phrase “necessary to expend” with “necessarily incurred.”