

## **Criminal Procedure—Discovery Access and Disclosure Requirements; HB 2445**

**HB 2445** amends the code of criminal procedure to clarify that the defense, rather than the defendant individually, is entitled to access discovery materials.

Additionally, the bill amends the defense's expert disclosure requirements to remove the requirement that the bases and reasons for the expert's opinions be included and to make such disclosures due at a reasonable time prior to trial by agreement of the parties or by order of the court (instead of 30 days before trial). The bill imposes the same disclosure requirements on the prosecution for any expert witness' direct examination.