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Under current law, a home rule charter or statutory city, town, or county with a civilian review authority for complaints against peace officers, must pay the attorney fees and other costs the peace officer incurs in defending a complaint if the complaint is not upheld *at a hearing before the civilian review authority*.

This bill strikes reference to the hearing so the fees must be paid if the complaint is sustained by the civilian review authority and then later not upheld.

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