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H.B. No. 1906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to grants awarded to reimburse counties for the cost of
3 monitoring defendants and victims in criminal cases involving
4 family violence.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 772.0077 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 772.0077. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MONITORING DEFENDANTS AND
9 VICTIMS IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal
11 justice division established under Section 772.006.

12 (2) "Family violence" has the meaning assigned by
13 Section 71.004, Family Code.

14 (b) The criminal justice division shall establish and
15 administer a grant program to reimburse counties for all or part of
16 the costs incurred by counties as a result of monitoring in cases
17 involving family violence defendants and victims who participate in
18 a global positioning monitoring system under Article 17.292 or
19 17.49, Code of Criminal Procedure. A grant recipient may use funds
20 from a grant awarded under the program only for monitoring
21 conducted for the purpose of restoring a measure of security and
22 safety for a victim of family violence.

23 (c) The criminal justice division shall establish:

24 (1) additional eligibility criteria for grant

1 applicants;

2 (2) grant application procedures;

3 (3) guidelines relating to grant amounts;

4 (4) procedures for evaluating grant applications; and

5 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant
6 awarded under the program and ensuring compliance with any
7 conditions of a grant.

8 (d) The criminal justice division shall include in the
9 biennial report required by Section 772.006(a)(9) a detailed
10 reporting of the results and performance of the grant program
11 administered under this section.

12 (e) The criminal justice division may use any revenue
13 available for purposes of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.