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H.B. No. 841

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain judicial statistics and related information
3 gathered by the Texas Judicial Council.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 71.035(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The council shall gather judicial statistics and other
8 pertinent information, including case-level information on the
9 amount and character of the business transacted by courts, from the
10 several state judges and other court officials of this state. In
11 addition, the council shall implement a monthly tracking system to
12 ensure accountability for counties and courts which participate in
13 the statewide integrated system for child support, medical support,
14 and dental support enforcement established under Section 231.0011,
15 Family Code. As a duty of office, the district clerks and county
16 clerks serving the affected courts shall report monthly such
17 information as may be required by the council, including, at a
18 minimum, the time required to enforce cases from date of
19 delinquency, from date of filing, and from date of service until
20 date of disposition. Such information as is necessary to complete
21 the report and not directly within the control of the district or
22 county clerk, such as date of delinquency, shall be provided to the
23 clerk by the child support registry or by the enforcement agency
24 providing Title IV-D enforcement services in the court. The

1 monthly report shall be transmitted to the Office of Court
2 Administration of the Texas Judicial System no later than the 20th
3 day of the month following the month reported, in such form as may
4 be prescribed by the Office of Court Administration, which may
5 include electronic data transfer. Copies of such reports shall be
6 maintained in the office of the appropriate district or county
7 clerk for a period of at least two years and shall be available to
8 the public for inspection and reproduction.

9 SECTION 2. The Texas Judicial Council shall adopt rules
10 necessary to implement this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.