

1-1 By: Ordaz, Leach, Moody (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 841
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to certain judicial statistics and related information
1-16 gathered by the Texas Judicial Council.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 71.035(a), Government Code, is amended
1-19 to read as follows:

1-20 (a) The council shall gather judicial statistics and other
1-21 pertinent information, including case-level information on the
1-22 amount and character of the business transacted by courts, from the
1-23 several state judges and other court officials of this state. In
1-24 addition, the council shall implement a monthly tracking system to
1-25 ensure accountability for counties and courts which participate in
1-26 the statewide integrated system for child support, medical support,
1-27 and dental support enforcement established under Section 231.0011,
1-28 Family Code. As a duty of office, the district clerks and county
1-29 clerks serving the affected courts shall report monthly such
1-30 information as may be required by the council, including, at a
1-31 minimum, the time required to enforce cases from date of
1-32 delinquency, from date of filing, and from date of service until
1-33 date of disposition. Such information as is necessary to complete
1-34 the report and not directly within the control of the district or
1-35 county clerk, such as date of delinquency, shall be provided to the
1-36 clerk by the child support registry or by the enforcement agency
1-37 providing Title IV-D enforcement services in the court. The
1-38 monthly report shall be transmitted to the Office of Court
1-39 Administration of the Texas Judicial System no later than the 20th
1-40 day of the month following the month reported, in such form as may
1-41 be prescribed by the Office of Court Administration, which may
1-42 include electronic data transfer. Copies of such reports shall be
1-43 maintained in the office of the appropriate district or county
1-44 clerk for a period of at least two years and shall be available to
1-45 the public for inspection and reproduction.

1-46 SECTION 2. The Texas Judicial Council shall adopt rules
1-47 necessary to implement this Act.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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