

AN ACT

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2 relating to judicial statistics and other pertinent information  
3 gathered by the Texas Judicial Council and certain populous  
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 71.035, Government Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and  
8 (a-3) to read as follows:

9 (a) The council shall gather judicial statistics and other  
10 pertinent information, including for each trial court in this state  
11 monthly court activity statistics and case-level information on the  
12 amount and character of the business transacted by the court, from  
13 the several state judges and other court officials of this state.  
14 The monthly information gathered by the council for each trial  
15 court in a county with a population of at least one million must  
16 include, but is not limited to:

- 17 (1) the number of cases assigned to the court;  
18 (2) the case clearance rate for the court;  
19 (3) the number of cases disposed by the court;  
20 (4) the number of jury panels empaneled for the court;  
21 (5) the number of orders of continuance for an  
22 attorney before the court or by the court;  
23 (6) the number of pleas accepted by the court;  
24 (7) the number of cases tried by the judge of the court

1 or before a jury; and

2 (8) the number of cases tried before a visiting or  
3 associate judge of the court.

4 (a-1) The [~~In addition, the~~] council shall implement a  
5 monthly tracking system to ensure accountability for counties and  
6 courts which participate in the statewide integrated system for  
7 child support, medical support, and dental support enforcement  
8 established under Section 231.0011, Family Code. As a duty of  
9 office, the district clerks and county clerks serving the affected  
10 courts shall report monthly such information as may be required by  
11 the council, including, at a minimum, the time required to enforce  
12 cases from date of delinquency, from date of filing, and from date  
13 of service until date of disposition. Such information as is  
14 necessary to complete the report and not directly within the  
15 control of the district or county clerk, such as date of  
16 delinquency, shall be provided to the clerk by the child support  
17 registry or by the enforcement agency providing Title IV-D  
18 enforcement services in the court.

19 (a-2) A [~~The~~] monthly report required by Subsection (a) or  
20 (a-1) must [~~shall~~] be transmitted to the Office of Court  
21 Administration of the Texas Judicial System no later than the 20th  
22 day of the month following the month reported, in the [~~such~~] form  
23 and manner [~~as may be~~] prescribed by the office [~~Office of Court~~  
24 ~~Administration~~], which may include electronic data transfer. The  
25 office shall publish the information for each court on the office's  
26 public Internet website in a searchable format.

27 (a-3) In a county with a population greater than one

1 million, a court official for each court in the county shall submit  
2 to the appropriate county official for publication on the county's  
3 public Internet website a copy of each monthly report required  
4 under Subsections (a) and (a-1) within the time required by  
5 Subsection (a-2). The county shall publish the information for  
6 each court on the county's Internet website in a searchable format  
7 ~~[Copies of such reports shall be maintained in the office of the~~  
8 ~~appropriate district or county clerk for a period of at least two~~  
9 ~~years and shall be available to the public for inspection and~~  
10 ~~reproduction].~~

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
12 of this Act, the Texas Judicial Council shall adopt any rules  
13 necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1182 was passed by the House on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 16, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1182 on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 15, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1182 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor