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H.B. No. 1182

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 monthly court activity statistics
11 for each trial court in this state, from the several state judges
12 and other court officials of this state.

13 (a-1) The [~~In addition, the~~] council shall implement a
14 monthly tracking system to ensure accountability for counties and
15 courts which participate in the statewide integrated system for
16 child support, medical support, and dental support enforcement
17 established under Section 231.0011, Family Code. As a duty of
18 office, the district clerks and county clerks serving the affected
19 courts shall report monthly such information as may be required by
20 the council, including, at a minimum, the time required to enforce
21 cases from date of delinquency, from date of filing, and from date
22 of service until date of disposition. Such information as is
23 necessary to complete the report and not directly within the
24 control of the district or county clerk, such as date of

1 delinquency, shall be provided to the clerk by the child support
2 registry or by the enforcement agency providing Title IV-D
3 enforcement services in the court.

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

12 (a-3) In a county with a population greater than one
13 million, a court official for each court in the county shall submit
14 to the appropriate county official for publication on the county's
15 public Internet website a copy of each monthly report required
16 under Subsections (a) and (a-1) within the time required by
17 Subsection (a-2). The county shall publish the information for
18 each court on the county's Internet website in a searchable format
19 [Copies of such reports shall be maintained in the office of the
20 appropriate district or county clerk for a period of at least two
21 years and shall be available to the public for inspection and
22 reproduction].

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

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