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H.B. No. 5354

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the information reported by prosecuting attorneys to the Texas Judicial Council.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 71, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 71.0354 to read as follows:

Sec. 71.0354. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY INFORMATION. (a) In this section, "prosecuting attorney" means a county attorney, district attorney, or criminal district attorney representing this state in criminal matters before the district or other courts of the county.

(b) Each prosecuting attorney shall report in the form and manner prescribed by the council information on:

(1) the categories of criminal offenses prosecuted by the prosecuting attorney and the number of criminal cases in each category;

(2) the number of personnel employed by the prosecuting attorney and whether that number is sufficient to support the prosecutor's caseload;

(3) the number of times a defendant was released as provided by Article 17.151, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(4) the number of electronic notices submitted by the prosecuting attorney to a court as required by Article 17.027(a)(2), Code of Criminal Procedure.

1        (c) In prescribing the information to be submitted and form  
2 and manner of submission of the information under Subsection (b),  
3 the council shall consult with:

4                (1) the Texas District and County Attorneys  
5 Association; and

6                (2) other interested persons.

7        SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2026, the Texas  
8 Judicial Council shall prescribe the information, and form and  
9 manner of submission, a prosecuting attorney in this state is  
10 required to report under Section 71.0354, Government Code, as added  
11 by this Act.

12        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.