

1-1 By: Hartnett (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 2157
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 14, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 14, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the use of the judicial and court personnel training
1-9 fund.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 56.003(b) and (f), Government Code, are
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) No more than one-third of the funds appropriated for any
1-14 fiscal year shall be used for the continuing legal education of
1-15 judges of appellate courts, district courts, county courts at law,
1-16 county courts performing judicial functions, full-time associate
1-17 judges and masters appointed pursuant to Chapter 201 [~~Section~~
1-18 ~~201.001~~], Family Code, and full-time masters, magistrates,
1-19 referees, and associate judges appointed pursuant to Chapter 54 as
1-20 required by the court of criminal appeals under Section 74.025 and
1-21 of their court personnel.

1-22 (f) The court of criminal appeals shall grant legal funds to
1-23 statewide professional associations of prosecuting attorneys,
1-24 criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent
1-25 defendants in criminal matters, and justices of the peace, and
1-26 other entities. The association's or entity's [whose] purposes
1-27 must include providing continuing legal education, technical
1-28 assistance, and other support programs.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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