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H.B. No. 2658

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants to counties for indigent criminal defense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 71.062(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Task Force on Indigent Defense shall develop policies to ensure that funds under Subsection (a)(2) are allocated and distributed to counties in a fair manner. Formula grants based upon data available to the Task Force from current sources shall be distributed to counties in compliance with the requirements of state law relating to indigent defense without the necessity of additional applications or reports.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this act takes effect September 1, 2003.