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S.B. No. 54

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to training regarding sexual assault for a judge or
3 judicial officer.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22.110(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) The court of criminal appeals shall adopt the rules
8 necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. The rules
9 must require each district judge, judge of a statutory county
10 court, associate judge appointed under Chapter 54 of this code or
11 Chapter 201, Family Code, master, referee, and magistrate to
12 complete at least eight hours of the training within the judge's
13 first term of office or the judicial officer's first four years of
14 service and provide a method for certification of completion of
15 that training. At least six hours of the training must be dedicated
16 to the training described by Subsections (d)(5), (6), and (7). Two
17 hours of the training must be dedicated exclusively to sexual
18 assault. The rules must require each judge and judicial officer to
19 complete an additional three hours of training during each
20 additional term in office or four years of service. The rules must
21 exempt from the training requirement of this subsection each judge
22 or judicial officer who files an affidavit stating that the judge or
23 judicial officer does not hear any cases involving family violence,
24 sexual assault, or child abuse.

1 SECTION 2. Section 22.110, Government Code, as amended by
2 this Act, applies only to a judge or judicial officer who has not
3 completed the initial training related to family violence, sexual
4 assault, and child abuse required by that section before September
5 1, 2003.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.