

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2157** by Hartnett (Relating to the use of the judicial and court personnel training fund.),  
**As Engrossed**

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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The bill would amend Government Code, Chapter 56 to add certain family law judicial officers to those judicial officers receiving training funded with the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund. This estimate assumes that the family law judicial officers can attend training programs already provided at no significant additional cost to the state. The bill would also provide the court discretion to contract with other entities in addition to professional associations for training prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys regularly representing indigent defendants. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 211 Court of Criminal Appeals, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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