

Amend CSSB 1189 (House Committee Printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION __. Subchapter D, Chapter 152, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 152.2264 to read as follows:

Sec. 152.2264. TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND COURT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (a) The judges of the district and county courts in Tarrant County that give preference to criminal matters shall, on a majority vote, appoint the criminal courts administrator. The administrator serves at the will of those judges.

(b) The commissioners court shall pay the salary and expenses of the criminal court administrator and of the court services department employees as determined by the department budget:

(1) submitted by the judges of the district and county courts that give preference to criminal cases; and

(2) approved by the commissioners court.

(c) A judge may not be subjected to a suit for, and is immune from liability for damages arising from, an act or omission committed while performing a duty under this section unless the act or omission is:

(1) committed intentionally, wilfully, or wantonly; or

(2) committed with:

(A) gross negligence; or

(B) conscious indifference or reckless disregard for the safety of others.