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H.B. No. 2285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an interim study regarding the statutory duties imposed
3 on victim assistance coordinators and crime victim liaisons and the
4 existence of, need for, and cost of training for those individuals.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The committees on law enforcement and
7 criminal jurisprudence of the house of representatives shall
8 jointly conduct an interim study as provided by this section.

9 (b) The committees shall investigate in the interim study:

10 (1) the current implementation of and the most
11 effective way to increase compliance with Section 56.04, Code of
12 Criminal Procedure; and

13 (2) the existence of training for victim assistance
14 coordinators and crime victim liaisons, the need for that training,
15 and the cost of any training requirement to local authorities and to
16 the state.

17 (c) The committees shall submit the results of the study and
18 a proposal for legislation to address issues identified by the
19 study to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
20 representatives, and the members of the 80th Legislature on or
21 before September 1, 2006.

22 (d) This section expires October 1, 2006.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.