

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 729
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a weighted caseload study of the district courts.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) The Office of Court Administration
1-11 of the Texas Judicial System shall contract with an independent
1-12 nonprofit organization that specializes in providing technical
1-13 assistance and consulting services to courts to conduct a study of
1-14 the caseloads of the district courts in this state. The study must
1-15 concentrate on the weighted caseload of each district court,
1-16 considering the nature and complexity of the cases heard by each
1-17 court.

1-18 (b) Not later than September 1, 2006, the organization that
1-19 conducts the study required by Subsection (a) of this section shall
1-20 report the results of the study to the Office of Court
1-21 Administration of the Texas Judicial System. Not later than
1-22 October 1, 2006, the office shall file a report on those results
1-23 with the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
1-24 house of representatives, and the chairs of the standing committees
1-25 of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over
1-26 the judicial system.

1-27 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
1-28 1, 2005.

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