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H.B. No. 371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study regarding the conversion of certain Class C  
3 misdemeanors to civil infractions.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Office of Court Administration of the  
6 Texas Judicial System shall conduct a study to determine the  
7 feasibility, efficiency, and potential cost savings of converting  
8 certain Class C misdemeanors to civil infractions. In conducting  
9 the study, the office shall examine:

10 (1) which Class C misdemeanors are appropriate to  
11 convert to civil infractions; and

12 (2) which civil collections procedures involving  
13 judicial oversight could be used to collect fines, court costs, and  
14 fees on the civil infractions.

15 (b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial  
16 System may consult with the Department of Public Safety, the Parks  
17 and Wildlife Department, county and municipal court judges, the  
18 Texas District and County Attorneys Association, and any other  
19 appropriate agency or organization for input regarding the study.

20 (c) Not later than October 1, 2008, the Office of Court  
21 Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall file a report  
22 containing the results of the study and recommendations for  
23 legislation with the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker  
24 of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the standing

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1 committees of the senate and house of representatives with  
2 jurisdiction over the judicial system.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.