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H.B. No. 1598

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to an annual report by the Office of Court Administration
3 of the Texas Judicial System about jury charges and sentences in
4 capital cases.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 72, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 72.087 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 72.087. CAPITAL TRIALS. (a) The office shall annually
9 collect and publish a report of information regarding cases
10 involving the trial of a capital offense.

11 (b) The report must include:

12 (1) the contents of the trial court's charge to the
13 jury; and

14 (2) the sentence issued in each case.

15 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the date the judgment
16 of conviction or acquittal is entered in a case involving the trial
17 of a capital offense, the judge or clerk of the court shall submit
18 to the office a written record of the case containing the
19 information required by Subsection (b).

20 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2008, the Office of
21 Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall publish its
22 first report of information regarding cases involving the trial of
23 a capital offense, as required by Section 72.087, Government Code,
24 as added by this Act.

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