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H.B. No. 3374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to funding for the investigation and prosecution of
3 offenses involving the trafficking of persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 772.006, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (d) The trafficking of persons investigation and
8 prosecution account is created in the general revenue fund. The
9 account is composed of legislative appropriations and other money
10 required by law to be deposited in the account. Income from money
11 in the account shall be credited to the account. Sections 403.095
12 and 404.071 do not apply to the account.

13 (e) The legislature may appropriate money from the
14 trafficking of persons investigation and prosecution account
15 created under Subsection (d) only to the criminal justice division
16 for the purposes of this subsection. The division may use the
17 appropriated money solely to distribute grants to counties that
18 apply for the grants and that have dedicated full-time or part-time
19 personnel, such as a special investigator or prosecutor, to
20 investigate or prosecute offenses under Chapter 20A, Penal Code.
21 The total amount of grants that may be distributed to counties from
22 the account during each state fiscal year may not exceed \$10
23 million.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.