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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to an annual report by the Office of Court Administration
1-9 of the Texas Judicial System about jury charges and sentences in
1-10 capital cases.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 72, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 72.087 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 72.087. CAPITAL TRIALS. (a) The office shall
1-15 annually collect and publish a report of information regarding
1-16 cases involving the trial of a capital offense.

1-17 (b) The report must include:

1-18 (1) the contents of the trial court's charge to the
1-19 jury; and

1-20 (2) the sentence issued in each case.

1-21 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the date the judgment
1-22 of conviction or acquittal is entered in a case involving the trial
1-23 of a capital offense, the judge or clerk of the court shall submit
1-24 to the office a written record of the case containing the
1-25 information required by Subsection (b).

1-26 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2008, the Office of
1-27 Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall publish its
1-28 first report of information regarding cases involving the trial of
1-29 a capital offense, as required by Section 72.087, Government Code,
1-30 as added by this Act.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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