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S.B. No. 1780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of proceeds from criminal asset forfeiture to fund the operation of drug court programs in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Article 59.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

(r) As a specific exception to the requirement of Subdivisions (1)-(3) of Subsection (c) that the funds described by those subdivisions be used only for the official purposes of the attorney representing the state or for law enforcement purposes, in any county that implements or operates a drug court program under Chapter 469, Health and Safety Code, the attorney representing the state shall deposit 10 percent of the gross amount credited to the attorney's fund into the county treasury. The commissioners court shall use the funds received under this subsection to implement or operate the drug court program in the county.

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