

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 2139 (McClendon/Hinojosa)

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H.R. No. 2965

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on House Bill 2139, relating to the
6 establishment, operation, and funding of victim-offender mediation
7 programs, to consider and take action on the following matter:

8 House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(1), (2), and (3), are suspended
9 to permit the committee to change and omit text not in disagreement
10 and to add text in proposed SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Article
11 56.22(d), Code of Criminal Procedure, to read as follows:

12 (d) A pretrial victim-offender mediation must be conducted
13 by a court-appointed mediator who meets the training requirements
14 provided by Sections 154.052(a) and (b), Civil Practice and
15 Remedies Code. Neither the attorney representing the state nor the
16 attorney representing the defendant in the criminal action may
17 serve as a mediator under the pretrial victim-offender mediation
18 program.

19 Explanation: The alteration of text is necessary to require
20 that a person appointed by the court to conduct pretrial
21 victim-offender mediations has completed mediation training.