

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 1066  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2009; March 13, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 March 30, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 30, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to posttrial psychological counseling for jurors in a  
1-9 criminal trial or juvenile adjudication hearing involving graphic  
1-10 evidence or testimony.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (f), Article 56.04, Code of Criminal  
1-13 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (f) The commissioners court may approve a program in which  
1-15 the crime victim liaison or victim assistance coordinator may offer  
1-16 not more than 10 hours of posttrial psychological counseling for a  
1-17 person who serves as a juror or an alternate juror in a criminal  
1-18 ~~[the] trial [of an offense under Section 19.02, 19.03, 21.11,~~  
1-19 ~~22.011, 22.021, 43.05, 43.25, or 43.251, Penal Code,]~~ involving  
1-20 graphic evidence or testimony and who requests the posttrial  
1-21 psychological counseling not later than the 180th day after the  
1-22 date on which the jury in the trial is dismissed. The crime victim  
1-23 liaison or victim assistance coordinator may provide the counseling  
1-24 using a provider that assists local criminal justice agencies in  
1-25 providing similar services to victims.

1-26 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 57.003, Family Code, is  
1-27 amended to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 57.003. DUTIES ~~[DUTY]~~ OF JUVENILE BOARD AND VICTIM  
1-29 ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR.

1-30 SECTION 3. Section 57.003, Family Code, is amended by  
1-31 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-32 (g) The juvenile board may approve a program in which the  
1-33 victim assistance coordinator may offer not more than 10 hours of  
1-34 posttrial psychological counseling for a person who serves as a  
1-35 juror or an alternate juror in an adjudication hearing involving  
1-36 graphic evidence or testimony and who requests the posttrial  
1-37 psychological counseling not later than the 180th day after the  
1-38 date on which the jury in the adjudication hearing is dismissed.  
1-39 The victim assistance coordinator may provide the counseling using  
1-40 a provider that assists local juvenile justice agencies in  
1-41 providing similar services to victims.

1-42 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-43 to a criminal trial or juvenile adjudication hearing for which a  
1-44 jury is selected on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
1-45 criminal trial or juvenile adjudication hearing for which a jury is  
1-46 selected before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
1-47 law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is  
1-48 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-49 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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