

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

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st  
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, That Senate Rule 12.03 be  
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the  
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House  
5 Bill 2139, relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of  
6 victim-offender mediation programs, to consider and take action on  
7 the following matter:

8 Senate Rules 12.03(1), (2), and (3) are suspended to permit  
9 the committee to change and omit text not in disagreement and to add  
10 text in proposed SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Article 56.22(d),  
11 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.