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H.B. No. 1245

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the allocation of money in the judicial and court
3 personnel training fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 56.004, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
7 follows:

8 (b) The legislature shall appropriate funds from the
9 judicial and court personnel training fund to the court of criminal
10 appeals to provide for:

11 (1) continuing legal education, technical assistance,
12 and other support programs for prosecuting attorneys and their
13 personnel, criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent
14 indigent defendants in criminal matters and their personnel, and
15 justices of the peace and their court personnel; and

16 (2) innocence training programs for law enforcement
17 officers, law students, and other participants.

18 (c) An allocation of funds to provide for continuing legal
19 education, technical assistance, and other support programs for the
20 personnel of criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent
21 indigent defendants in criminal matters as described by Subsection
22 (b)(1) must come from the grant of legal funds made by the court of
23 criminal appeals under Section 56.003(f).

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2014.