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S.B. No. 306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the information included in the annual report of the  
3 State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 33.005(b), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) The report must include:

8 (1) an explanation of the role of the commission;

9 (2) annual statistical information for the preceding  
10 fiscal year, including:

11 (A) the number of complaints received by the  
12 commission alleging judicial misconduct or disability;

13 (B) the number of complaints dismissed without  
14 commission action other than investigation because the evidence did  
15 not support the allegation or appearance of judicial misconduct or  
16 disability;

17 (C) the number of complaints dismissed without  
18 commission action other than investigation because the facts  
19 alleged did not constitute judicial misconduct or disability;

20 (D) the number of complaints dismissed without  
21 commission action other than investigation because the allegation  
22 or appearance of judicial misconduct or disability was determined  
23 to be unfounded or frivolous;

24 (E) the number of each type of judicial

1 misconduct or disability that resulted in sanction or censure of a  
2 judge; and

3                   (F) examples of improper judicial conduct;

4                   (3) an explanation of the commission's processes; and

5                   (4) changes the commission considers necessary in its  
6 rules or the applicable statutes or constitutional provisions.

7                   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.