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S.B. No. 1270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compensation of associate judges appointed to hear Title IV-D cases and child protection cases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.105, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.105. COMPENSATION OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE. (a) An associate judge appointed under this subchapter is entitled to receive from the state a salary in an amount equal to ~~[be determined by a majority vote of the presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions. The salary may not exceed]~~ 90 percent of the salary paid to a district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, longevity pay paid to an associate judge under Section 659.044, Government Code, is not included as part of the ~~[The]~~ associate judge's salary amount provided by subsection (a) ~~[shall be paid from county funds available for payment of officers' salaries or from funds available from the state and federal government as provided by this subchapter].~~

(c) The office of court administration in accordance with this subchapter may use federal funds obtained from the Title IV-D agency to cover the costs of an associate judge's salary.

Section 2. Section 201.205, Family Code, is amended to read

as follows:

Sec. 201.205. COMPENSATION OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE. (a) An associate judge appointed under this subchapter is entitled to receive from the state a salary in an amount equal to ~~[as determined by a majority vote of the presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions. The salary may not exceed]~~ 90 percent of the salary paid to a district judge as set by the state General Appropriations Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, longevity pay that is paid to an associate judge under Section 659.044, Government Code, is not included as part of the associate judge's salary amount provided by subsection (a).

(c) ~~(b)~~ The associate judge's salary shall be paid from county funds available for payment of officers' salaries subject to the approval of the commissioners court or from funds available from the state and federal governments as provided by this subchapter.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.