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S.B. No. 1369

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reports on attorney ad litem appointments made by courts in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 36 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 36. JUDICIAL REPORTS

Sec. 36.001. APPLICABILITY; CONFLICT OF LAW. (a) This chapter applies to a judge of any court in this state created by the Texas Constitution, by statute, or as authorized by statute.

(b) To the extent of a conflict between this chapter and a specific provision relating to a judge or court, this chapter controls.

Sec. 36.002. REPORT ON ATTORNEY AD LITEM APPOINTMENTS. (a) In addition to a report required by other state law or rule, the judge of each court in this state that appointed an attorney ad litem for a case before the court in the preceding state fiscal year shall prepare a report on:

(1) the name of each attorney appointed by the court as an attorney ad litem for a case in that year;

(2) the rate and total amount of compensation paid to each attorney ad litem appointed by the court in that year; and

(3) the number of hours each attorney served as an attorney ad litem for the appointed case in that year.

1 (b) A court shall, not later than November 1 of each year,
2 prepare the report required under Subsection (a) and post the
3 report at the courthouse door of the county in which the court is
4 located and on any Internet website of the court.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 36, Government Code, as added by this
6 Act, applies beginning with the state fiscal year that begins
7 September 1, 2015.

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