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H.B. No. 1652

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study conducted by the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System on pending court matters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 72.034 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.034. STUDY ON PENDING MATTERS. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018, the office shall conduct a study on pending court matters including:

(1) the backlog of current pending matters by county, judicial region, and type of matter;

(2) an analysis of the use of senior judges to assist in the reduction of pending matters; and

(3) recommendations to reduce pending matters and improve efficiency.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the office shall issue a report on the study required under Subsection (a) to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.