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S.B. No. 1124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the administrative attachment of the Texas Forensic  
3 Science Commission to the Office of Court Administration of the  
4 Texas Judicial System.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 9, Article 38.01, Code of Criminal  
7 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 9. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT TO OFFICE OF COURT  
9 ADMINISTRATION [~~SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY~~]. (a) The commission  
10 is administratively attached to the Office of Court Administration  
11 of the Texas Judicial System [~~Sam Houston State University~~].

12 (b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial  
13 System [~~Board of Regents of the Texas State University System~~]  
14 shall provide administrative support to the commission as necessary  
15 to enable the commission to carry out the purposes of this article.

16 (c) Only the commission may exercise the duties of the  
17 commission under this article. Except as provided by Subsection  
18 (b), the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial  
19 System does not have [~~neither the Board of Regents of the Texas~~  
20 ~~State University System nor Sam Houston State University has~~] any  
21 authority or responsibility with respect to the duties of the  
22 commission under this article.

23 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
24 of this Act, Sam Houston State University and the Office of Court

1 Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall adopt a  
2 memorandum of understanding to provide for the transfer of the  
3 administrative attachment of the Texas Forensic Science Commission  
4 to the office, including any necessary transfer of employees,  
5 records, equipment, and supplies. The memorandum of understanding  
6 must provide for the transfer to be completed not later than  
7 December 1, 2017.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.