

1-1 By: Herrero, Guillen, Morales of Maverick H.B. No. 1906
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
1-4 May 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to grants awarded to reimburse counties for the cost of
1-17 monitoring defendants and victims in criminal cases involving
1-18 family violence.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is
1-21 amended by adding Section 772.0077 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 772.0077. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MONITORING DEFENDANTS AND
1-23 VICTIMS IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES. (a) In this section:

1-24 (1) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal
1-25 justice division established under Section 772.006.

1-26 (2) "Family violence" has the meaning assigned by
1-27 Section 71.004, Family Code.

1-28 (b) The criminal justice division shall establish and
1-29 administer a grant program to reimburse counties for all or part of
1-30 the costs incurred by counties as a result of monitoring in cases
1-31 involving family violence defendants and victims who participate in
1-32 a global positioning monitoring system under Article 17.292 or
1-33 17.49, Code of Criminal Procedure. A grant recipient may use funds
1-34 from a grant awarded under the program only for monitoring
1-35 conducted for the purpose of restoring a measure of security and
1-36 safety for a victim of family violence.

1-37 (c) The criminal justice division shall establish:

1-38 (1) additional eligibility criteria for grant
1-39 applicants;

1-40 (2) grant application procedures;

1-41 (3) guidelines relating to grant amounts;

1-42 (4) procedures for evaluating grant applications; and

1-43 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant
1-44 awarded under the program and ensuring compliance with any
1-45 conditions of a grant.

1-46 (d) The criminal justice division shall include in the
1-47 biennial report required by Section 772.006(a)(9) a detailed
1-48 reporting of the results and performance of the grant program
1-49 administered under this section.

1-50 (e) The criminal justice division may use any revenue
1-51 available for purposes of this section.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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