

Amend CSHB 19 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 25A.017(j), Government Code (page 9, line 7), strike "The" and substitute "Subject to Subsection (k), the".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 25A.017, Government Code (page 9, between lines 10 and 11), insert the following:

(k) All personnel, including the business court clerk, appointed under this section are employees of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and are state employees for all purposes, including accrual of leave time, insurance benefits, retirement benefits, and travel regulations.

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 25A.0171, Government Code (page 9, lines 11 through 14), and substitute the following appropriately numbered section in and renumber subsequent sections of added Chapter 25A, Government Code, accordingly:

Sec. 25A.\_\_\_\_. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT TO OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION; REPORT. (a) The business court is administratively attached to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System.

(b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall provide administrative support to the business court as necessary to enable the business court to carry out its duties under this chapter.

(c) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System may employ personnel necessary to provide administrative support to the business court under this chapter.

(d) Only the business court may exercise the duties of the business court under this chapter. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System does not have any authority or responsibility related to the duties of the business court under this chapter.

(e) Not later than December 1 of each year, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall submit to the legislature a report on the number and types of cases heard by the business court in the preceding year.