

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the duties and composition of the Specialty Courts
3 Advisory Council.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 772.0061(a)(2), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (2) "Specialty court" means:

8 (A) a commercially sexually exploited persons
9 court program established under Chapter 126 or former law;

10 (B) a family drug court program established under
11 Chapter 122 or former law;

12 (C) a drug court program established under
13 Chapter 123 or former law;

14 (D) a veterans treatment court program
15 established under Chapter 124 or former law;

16 (E) a mental health court program established
17 under Chapter 125 or former law; ~~and~~

18 (F) a public safety employees treatment court
19 program established under Chapter 129; and

20 (G) a juvenile family drug court program
21 established under Chapter 130.

22 SECTION 2. Sections 772.0061(b) and (c), Government Code,
23 are amended to read as follows:

24 (b) The governor shall establish the Specialty Courts

1 Advisory Council within the criminal justice division established
2 under Section 772.006 to:

3 (1) evaluate applications for grant funding for
4 specialty courts in this state and to make funding recommendations
5 to the criminal justice division; and

6 (2) make recommendations to the Texas Judicial
7 Council, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial
8 System, and the criminal justice division regarding best practices
9 for specialty courts established under Chapter 122, 123, 124, 125,
10 ~~[or]~~ 129, or 130, or former law.

11 (c) The council is composed of nine members appointed by the
12 governor as follows:

13 (1) four members, each of whom has ~~[one member with]~~
14 experience as the judge of at least one ~~[a]~~ specialty court
15 described by Subsection (a)(2) ~~[(a)(2)(A)]~~; and

16 ~~(2) [one member with experience as the judge of a~~
17 ~~specialty court described by Subsection (a)(2)(B),~~

18 ~~[(3) one member with experience as the judge of a~~
19 ~~specialty court described by Subsection (a)(2)(C),~~

20 ~~[(4) one member with experience as the judge of a~~
21 ~~specialty court described by Subsection (a)(2)(D), and~~

22 ~~[(5)]~~ five members who represent the public.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2741 was passed by the House on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2741 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor