

1-1 By: Smith (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2741
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023;
 1-3 May 4, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 | X | | | |
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the duties and composition of the Specialty Courts
 1-18 Advisory Council.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 772.0061(a)(2), Government Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (2) "Specialty court" means:

1-23 (A) a commercially sexually exploited persons
 1-24 court program established under Chapter 126 or former law;

1-25 (B) a family drug court program established under
 1-26 Chapter 122 or former law;

1-27 (C) a drug court program established under
 1-28 Chapter 123 or former law;

1-29 (D) a veterans treatment court program
 1-30 established under Chapter 124 or former law;

1-31 (E) a mental health court program established
 1-32 under Chapter 125 or former law; ~~and~~

1-33 (F) a public safety employees treatment court
 1-34 program established under Chapter 129; and

1-35 (G) a juvenile family drug court program
 1-36 established under Chapter 130.

1-37 SECTION 2. Sections 772.0061(b) and (c), Government Code,
 1-38 are amended to read as follows:

1-39 (b) The governor shall establish the Specialty Courts
 1-40 Advisory Council within the criminal justice division established
 1-41 under Section 772.006 to:

1-42 (1) evaluate applications for grant funding for
 1-43 specialty courts in this state and to make funding recommendations
 1-44 to the criminal justice division; and

1-45 (2) make recommendations to the Texas Judicial
 1-46 Council, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial
 1-47 System, and the criminal justice division regarding best practices
 1-48 for specialty courts established under Chapter 122, 123, 124, 125,
 1-49 ~~or~~ 129, or 130, or former law.

1-50 (c) The council is composed of nine members appointed by the
 1-51 governor as follows:

1-52 (1) four members, each of whom has [one member with]
 1-53 experience as the judge of at least one [a] specialty court
 1-54 described by Subsection (a)(2) [~~(a)(2)(A)~~]; and

1-55 (2) ~~[one member with experience as the judge of a~~
 1-56 ~~specialty court described by Subsection (a)(2)(B),~~

1-57 ~~[(3) one member with experience as the judge of a~~
 1-58 ~~specialty court described by Subsection (a)(2)(C),~~

1-59 ~~[(4) one member with experience as the judge of a~~
 1-60 ~~specialty court described by Subsection (a)(2)(D), and~~

1-61 ~~[(5)]~~ five members who represent the public.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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