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H.B. No. 3249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regular reporting of district court workload.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by amending Section 72.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.039. DISTRICT COURT WORKLOAD ANALYSIS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Judicial officer" means a district judge, associate judge, master, magistrate, or referee; and

(2) "Clearance rate" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 72.083.

(b) The office shall biennially conduct a district court workload analysis by collecting information on the 30 most populous counties in the state relating to:

(1) the number of estimated full-time equivalent judicial officers working in the county in the preceding fiscal year;

(2) the number of full-time equivalent judicial officers needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study;

(3) the number of new case filings in each of the preceding five fiscal years;

(4) the clearance rate of cases in each of the preceding five fiscal years;

1 (5) the calendar year in which the last district court
2 was created by statute; and

3 (6) any other information identified by the director.

4 (c) No later than October 1st of every even-numbered year,
5 the office shall report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and
6 the members of the legislature the information collected under
7 Subsection (b).

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