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H.B. No. 3664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the training of prospective grand jurors.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 19A, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 19A.1021 to read as follows:

Art. 19A.1021. TRAINING OF PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURORS REQUIRED. Before a prospective grand juror may be accepted and impaneled, each person who is presented to serve as a grand juror must complete the training described by Section 72.0365, Government Code. The acceptance and impanelment of a prospective grand juror who has not completed the training described by Section 72.0365, Government Code, does not affect the validity of a grand jury proceeding and may not be used by a defendant as a ground for appeal, a ground to set aside an indictment, conviction, or sentence, or a ground in a habeas corpus petition.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 72.0365 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.0365. TRAINING COURSE FOR PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURORS. (a) Before a prospective grand juror may be accepted and impaneled under Chapter 19A, Code of Criminal Procedure, the prospective grand juror shall complete a training course regarding grand jury proceedings that is administered by the office.

(b) The training course required by Subsection (a):

1 (1) must include instruction regarding:

2 (A) the purpose and rules of grand jury service;

3 (B) the grand juror selection process; and

4 (C) grand jury procedures and deliberations; and

5 (2) may be offered online.

6 (c) The office shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
7 this section, including rules regarding the content of the training
8 course required by Subsection (a).

9 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
10 of this Act, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
11 Judicial System shall adopt rules as required by Section 72.0365,
12 Government Code, as added by this Act.

13 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
14 a grand jury proceeding that begins on or after the effective date
15 of this Act. A grand jury proceeding that begins before the
16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
17 date the proceeding began, and the former law is continued in effect
18 for that purpose.

19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.