

1-1 By: Alvarado, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 3327  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2015;  
 1-3 April 23, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 6, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a grant program to fund domestic violence high risk  
 1-20 teams.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 402.038 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 402.038. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAMS GRANT

1-25 PROGRAM. (a) A domestic violence high risk team is a  
 1-26 multidisciplinary team that coordinates efforts to increase the  
 1-27 safety of victims of family violence, as that term is defined by  
 1-28 Section 71.004, Family Code, by monitoring and containing  
 1-29 perpetrators while providing victim services. The team may be  
 1-30 composed of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, community  
 1-31 supervision and corrections departments, victim advocates,  
 1-32 nonprofit organizations that provide services or shelter to victims  
 1-33 of family violence, and medical personnel. The team members work  
 1-34 together to share information and communicate to provide the best  
 1-35 possible responses to victims at high risk.

1-36 (b) Using money appropriated for the purpose, the attorney  
 1-37 general may award grants to domestic violence high risk teams in  
 1-38 communities in this state.

1-39 (c) The attorney general shall request proposals for the  
 1-40 award of grants under this section. The attorney general shall  
 1-41 evaluate the proposals and award grants based on the need for  
 1-42 domestic violence services in the community in which the team is  
 1-43 located and the effectiveness or potential effectiveness of the  
 1-44 team.

1-45 (d) A grant recipient may use grant money received under  
 1-46 this section only to fund the activities of a domestic violence high  
 1-47 risk team in reducing or preventing incidents of domestic violence  
 1-48 and providing domestic violence services to victims.

1-49 (e) The attorney general shall establish procedures to  
 1-50 administer the grant program, including a procedure for the  
 1-51 submission of a proposal and a procedure to be used by the attorney  
 1-52 general in evaluating a proposal.

1-53 (f) To supplement any appropriations for the grant program,  
 1-54 the attorney general shall apply for any available federal grant  
 1-55 funds for the prevention of domestic violence.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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