

1-1 By: Blanco (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 3996
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
 1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 21, 2015, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0, 1 present not
 1-6 voting; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the donation of juror reimbursements.
 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-20 SECTION 1. Section 61.003(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-21 to read as follows:
 1-22 (a) Each person who reports for jury service shall be
 1-23 personally provided a form letter that when signed by the person
 1-24 directs the county treasurer to donate all, or a specific amount
 1-25 designated by the person, of the person's daily reimbursement under
 1-26 this chapter to:
 1-27 (1) the compensation to victims of crime fund under
 1-28 Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure;
 1-29 (2) the child welfare, child protective services, or
 1-30 child services board of the county appointed under Section 264.005,
 1-31 Family Code, that serves abused and neglected children;
 1-32 (3) any program selected by the commissioners court
 1-33 that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and
 1-34 that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence;
 1-35 [~~or~~]
 1-36 (4) any other program approved by the commissioners
 1-37 court of the county, including a program established under Article
 1-38 56.04(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, that offers psychological
 1-39 counseling to jurors in criminal cases involving graphic evidence
 1-40 or testimony; or
 1-41 (5) a veterans court program established by the
 1-42 commissioners court as provided by Chapter 124.
 1-43 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-44 to donations from jurors appearing in response to a summons issued
 1-45 on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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