

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1706
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 14, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 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 (c-1) In awarding grants under this section, the attorney
 1-46 general shall prioritize a municipality with a population of more
 1-47 than 1.18 million and located predominantly in a county that has a
 1-48 total area of less than 1,000 square miles. This subsection expires
 1-49 September 1, 2017.

1-50 (d) A grant recipient may use grant money received under
 1-51 this section only to fund the activities of a domestic violence high
 1-52 risk team in reducing or preventing incidents of domestic violence
 1-53 and providing domestic violence services to victims.

1-54 (e) The attorney general shall establish procedures to
 1-55 administer the grant program, including a procedure for the
 1-56 submission of a proposal and a procedure to be used by the attorney
 1-57 general in evaluating a proposal.

1-58 (f) To supplement any appropriations for the grant program,
 1-59 the attorney general shall apply for any available federal grant
 1-60 funds for the prevention of domestic violence.

1-61 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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