

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 2933  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 7, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 30, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 30, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2933 By: Hughes

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to judicial training requirements regarding elder abuse  
1-18 and neglect.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 22.110, Government Code,  
1-21 is amended to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 22.110. JUDICIAL INSTRUCTION RELATED TO FAMILY  
1-23 VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS, AND CHILD AND  
1-24 ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

1-25 SECTION 2. Sections 22.110(a), (b), and (d), Government  
1-26 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-27 (a) The court of criminal appeals shall assure that judicial  
1-28 training related to the problems of family violence, sexual  
1-29 assault, trafficking of persons, ~~and~~ child abuse and neglect, and  
1-30 elder abuse and neglect is provided.

1-31 (b) The court of criminal appeals shall adopt the rules  
1-32 necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. The rules  
1-33 must require:

1-34 (1) each district judge, judge of a statutory county  
1-35 court, associate judge appointed under Chapter 54A of this code or  
1-36 Chapter 201, Family Code, master, referee, and magistrate within  
1-37 the judge's first term of office or the judicial officer's first  
1-38 four years of service to complete and provide certification of  
1-39 completion of 12 hours of training that include at least:

1-40 (A) four hours dedicated to issues related to  
1-41 trafficking of persons, ~~and~~ child abuse and neglect, and elder  
1-42 abuse and neglect that cover at least two of the topics described in  
1-43 Subsections (d)(8) through (12) and (d)(14) [(d)(8)-(12)];

1-44 (B) six hours dedicated to the training described  
1-45 by Subsections (d)(5), (6), and (7); and

1-46 (C) one hour dedicated to the training described  
1-47 by Subsection (d)(13);

1-48 (2) each judge and judicial officer during each  
1-49 additional term in office or four years of service to complete and  
1-50 provide certification of completion of an additional five hours of  
1-51 training that include at least:

1-52 (A) two hours dedicated to the training described  
1-53 by Subsections (d)(11) and (12); and

1-54 (B) one hour dedicated to the training described  
1-55 by Subsection (d)(13); and

1-56 (3) each judge of a court with primary responsibility  
1-57 for family law or family violence matters to complete and provide  
1-58 certification of completion of an additional hour of training  
1-59 described by Subsection (d)(13) every two years.

1-60 (d) The instruction must include information about:

- 2-1 (1) statutory and case law relating to videotaping a
- 2-2 child's testimony and relating to competency of children to
- 2-3 testify;
- 2-4 (2) methods for eliminating the trauma to the child
- 2-5 caused by the court process;
- 2-6 (3) case law, statutory law, and procedural rules
- 2-7 relating to family violence, sexual assault, trafficking of
- 2-8 persons, and child abuse and neglect;
- 2-9 (4) methods for providing protection for victims of
- 2-10 family violence, sexual assault, trafficking of persons, and child
- 2-11 abuse and neglect;
- 2-12 (5) available community and state resources for
- 2-13 counseling and other aid to victims and to offenders;
- 2-14 (6) gender bias in the judicial process;
- 2-15 (7) dynamics and effects of being a victim of sexual
- 2-16 assault, trafficking of persons, or child abuse and neglect;
- 2-17 (8) dynamics of sexual abuse of children, including
- 2-18 child abuse accommodation syndrome and grooming;
- 2-19 (9) impact of substance abuse on an unborn child and on
- 2-20 a person's ability to care for a child;
- 2-21 (10) issues of attachment and bonding between children
- 2-22 and caregivers;
- 2-23 (11) issues of child development that pertain to
- 2-24 trafficking of persons and child abuse and neglect;
- 2-25 (12) medical findings regarding physical abuse,
- 2-26 sexual abuse, trafficking of persons, and child abuse and neglect;
- 2-27 [~~and~~]
- 2-28 (13) dynamics of family violence; and
- 2-29 (14) elder abuse and neglect.

2-30 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
 2-31 date of this Act, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals shall adopt  
 2-32 the rules necessary to implement Section 22.110, Government Code,  
 2-33 as amended by this Act.

2-34 (b) Section 22.110, Government Code, as amended by this Act,  
 2-35 applies to all judges, masters, referees, and magistrates elected,  
 2-36 appointed, or holding office on or after the effective date of this  
 2-37 Act.

2-38 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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