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S.B. No. 1214

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a succession plan for a regional public defender's
3 office that primarily handles capital cases.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 79, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 79.042 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 79.042. SUCCESSION PLAN FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC DEFENDERS'
8 OFFICES. (a) In this section, "governmental entity" has the
9 meaning assigned by Article [26.044](#), Code of Criminal Procedure.

18 (c) A succession plan established under Subsection (b) may:

1 Procedure; and

2 (3) require the regional public defender's office to
3 comply with any rules adopted by the commission for the
4 administration of the public defender's office.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.