



## OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

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TO: All Trial Courts  
FROM: Judicial Information Section  
RE: New Reporting Requirements – Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Assessments and Competency Examination Reports  
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[Senate Bill 1326](#) (85<sup>th</sup> Legislature) established two new reporting requirements in adult **felony** and **class A or B misdemeanor** cases. The new reporting requirements became effective September 1, 2017.

**Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Assessments:** Magistrates are now required to submit a monthly report on the number of written mental health or intellectual disability assessments provided to a trial court.

(e) The magistrate shall submit to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System on a monthly basis the number of written assessments provided to the court under Subsection (a)(1)(B).

There is no existing infrastructure for statewide reporting from magistrates. Per statute, the magistrate must provide a copy of the mental health assessment to the **trial court** (district court or county court). As a result, OCA will be collecting the number of mental health assessments from the district court and county court levels rather than directly from magistrates.

The **number of assessments** is being added to the Additional Criminal Court Activity area of the **district, statutory county, and constitutional county court Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports**.

**Competency Evaluation Reports:** Trial courts are now required to submit a monthly report on the number of competency examination reports that were provided to the court.

(d) The court shall submit to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System on a monthly basis the number of reports provided to the court under this article.

The **number of competency evaluation reports** will replace the Competency Hearings category in the Additional Court Activity area of the **district, statutory county, and constitutional county court Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports**.

OCA's programmer started work yesterday on the changes to the reporting database. We hope that the modifications will be finished in time to capture the information in the report for September (due in October).

We also realize that it will take some time to put the pieces into place at the local level to capture the new information. Notice has been sent to all district clerks and county clerks, as well as to case management system vendors and local IT staff for whom we had contact information, the Justice Court Training Center, and the Municipal Courts Education Center.

Please send an email to [JudInfo@txcourts.gov](mailto:JudInfo@txcourts.gov) should you have any questions. Thank you very much!