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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article IV
2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Office of Court
3 Administration, Texas Judicial Council (page IV-25), by adding the
4 following appropriately numbered rider:

5 _____. Report on Remote Court Proceedings. Out of funds
6 appropriated to the Office of Court Administration above or
7 otherwise available for the purpose, the office shall conduct a
8 study evaluating the use of remote proceedings in Texas courts. Not
9 later than September 1, 2026, the office shall prepare and submit to
10 the legislature a report on the results of the study conducted under
11 this rider and any recommendations for legislative or other action.
12 The study must evaluate and the report must include information
13 regarding:

14 (1) challenges created by inequitable access to
15 technology;

16 (2) regional disparities in the use of remote
17 proceedings; and

18 (3) the impact of remote proceedings on:

19 (A) self-represented litigants;

20 (B) the accessibility of court proceedings by
21 participants in the proceedings;

22 (C) case processing times; and

23 (D) judicial efficiency.