# Performance Measures Reporting

88<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION - HB 2384
TEXAS OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION
DATA & RESEARCH DIVISION



# HB 2384 - Report Requirements & Information



Frequency: Annually



Date Range: 1<sup>st</sup> Report- March 2024 – August 2024

Subsequent Reports: September – August (State FY)



Due Date: November 1st



Submission: Excel template

To: data.division@txcourts.gov

# HB 2384- Instructions & Guidance

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District & Court Level Reporting (New)

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### REPORTING TO OCA

The following reports must be submitted to the Office of Court Administration by clerks, judges, or other entities or individuals.

### **Court Security Program**

- Court Security Incident Reports
- · Court Closures and Reopenings

### **Guardianship Certification Program**

Guardianship Reporting Requirements

### **Data and Research Division**

- · Appointments and Fees for Attorney or Guardian Ad Litem, Guardians, Mediators and Competency Evaluators
- · Change in Municipal Judge
- Court Interpretation Services (SB 380/HB 3474) NEW
- District & County Court-Level Reporting (HB 1182 & HB 2384) NEW
- Judicial Bypass Cases
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### **Reporting Instructions & Guidance Documents**

Reporting Instructions <a> Instruction</a>

Probate/Mental Health Guidance

Guidance on Transfers between Courts of the Same Level

Frequently Asked Questions

Please send questions to judinfo@txcourts.gov.

### **Report Submission and Templates**

### **Templates**

Fill out the template that corresponds to the court level being reported. Make sure the **Court Identifier** and **Court Name** match the format and text in the **Court Identifiers Spreadsheet**. Case Management System Vendors and local IT staff should reference the Court Identifiers Spreadsheet if templates are developed in the CMS.

Court Identifiers Spreadsheet B

HB 2384 District Courts 🔠

HB 2384 Statutory County Courts 🔠

HB 2384 Statutory Probate County Courts 🖺

HB 2384 Constitutional County Courts 🖺

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### Submission

Please email your reports to data.division@txcourts.gov.

# HB 2384 Report Requirements & Information

# HB 2384 – Annual Performance Measures Report by Court

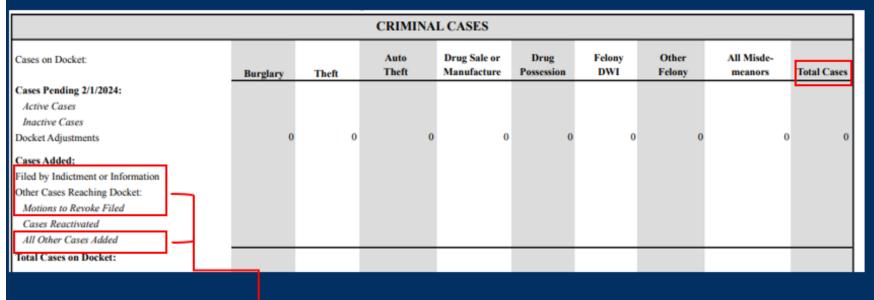
- Requires clerks to submit annual data for each district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, and county court
- ▶ Requires OCA to collect and publish a report annually for each court, to include the following:
  - 1. the court's clearance rate;
  - 2. the average time a case is before the court from filing to disposition; and
  - 3. the age of the court's active pending caseload.

# Report

- 1. Number of active pending cases as of March 1 (subsequent September)
- 2. Number of cases **filed** during the year
- Number of cases reactivated during the year
- 4. Number of cases **disposed or adjudicated** (juvenile) during the year
- 5. Number of cases placed on **inactive** status during the year
- 6. Number of active pending cases as of August 31
- Most information already reported on Judicial Council Monthly Reports, and can be gathered from these reports

Exceptions are dispositions/adjudications and pending for probate, guardianship and mental health cases

# County -> Court Level Example



COUNTY

Total Criminal
Cases Filed: 50

Court 1
Criminal Cases
Filed: 20

Court 2 Criminal Cases Filed: 30

				Felony Active			
				Pending Sep	Felony Cases	Felony Cases	Felony Cases
	<b>Court Identifier</b>	Court Name	Fiscal Year	i	Filed	Reactivated	Disposed
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# HB 2384 Excel Template with corresponding line number(s) from monthly report.

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Beginning of Period (Line 1a)	Filed (Add Lines 2, <mark>3</mark> for total)	Internal Transfers In (NEW)	Civil Cases Reactivated (Line 3)	Civil Cases Disposed (Line 6)	Internal Transfers Out (NEW)	Inactive Status (Line 7)	of Period	Disposed - 3 Months or Less (Line 9)	Months (Line		Over 12 to 18 Months (Line 9)		Civil AoC Disposed - Total (Line 9)	of Period - 3 Months or Less		of Period - Over 6 to 12 Months	of Period - Over 12 to 18 Months		Pending End of Period - Total (Line 9a)
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# Case Aging from Filing to Disposition Defined

For each district or county court in your jurisdiction, report the number of cases disposed within each timeframe by case type:

- Felony: 90 Days or Less, 91 to 180 Days, 181 to 365 Days, Over 365 Days, Total Cases.
- Misdemeanor: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 60 Days, 61 to 90 Days, Over 90 Days, Total Cases.
- **Civil:** 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.
- Family: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.
- Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.
- **Probate and guardianship and ancillary cases:** 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.
- Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.

Most information already reported on Judicial Council Monthly Reports, except for data for probate, guardianship and mental health cases.

# Age of Court's Active Pending Caseload Defined

For **each district or county-level court** in your jurisdiction, report the age of the active cases pending before the court as measured by the time from date of filing or reopening to the reporting end date (August 31).

- Felony: 90 Days or Less, 91 to 180 Days, 181 to 365 Days, Over 365 Days, Total Cases.
- Misdemeanor: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 60 Days, 61 to 90 Days, Over 90 Days, Total Cases.
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Note: Timeframes are the same as those used for Age of Cases Disposed

# Exchange of Benches

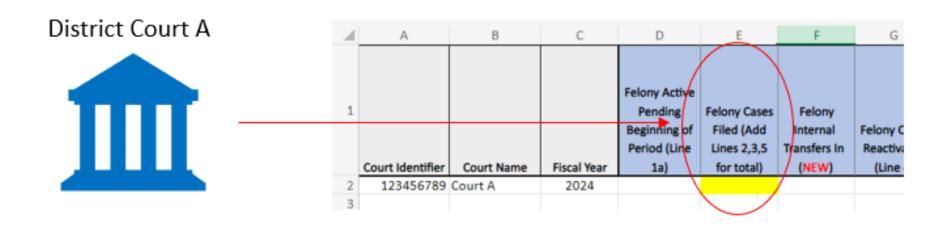
**Guidance** remains the same no matter whether the exchange occurs between judges from different court levels or the same level:

- Statistics should be reported for the COURT, not a particular judge.
  - If District Judge Joe Smith sits on the bench of the County Court at Law, the cases that Judge Smith disposed of are counted to the County Court at Law.
  - If County Court at Law Judge April Jones sits on the bench of the District Court, the cases that Judge Jones disposed of are counted to the District Court.
  - If County Court at Law Judge April Jones sits on the bench of the County Court, the cases that Judge Jones disposed of are counted to the County Court.
  - If District Judge Joe Smith (47<sup>th</sup> District) sits on the bench of the 108<sup>th</sup> District Court, the cases that Judge Smith disposed of are counted to the 108<sup>th</sup>.

# Reporting Transfers-Reports by Court- Annual Performance Measures

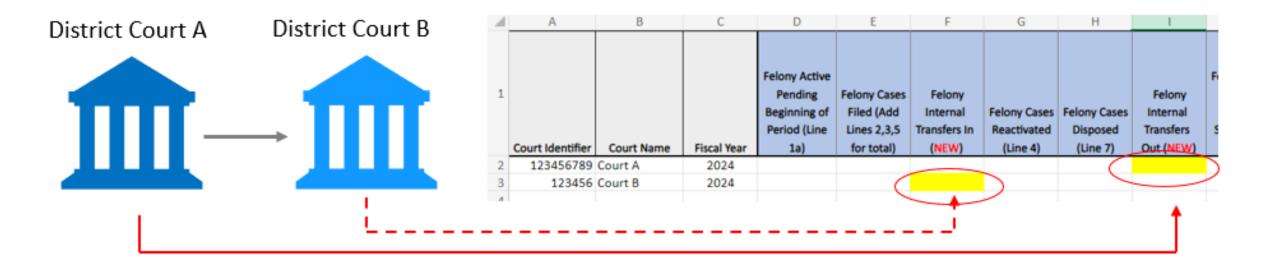
For the <u>Annual Performance Measures by Court Report</u>, transfers/changes in assignment of a case between courts at the same level (district courts or county courts at law) in the county should be counted to ensure that each court reflects the actual number of cases heard, resulting in balanced clearance rates for each court.

Transfers/Changes in Assignment of a Case — Same County and Same Court Level Case filed in March in District Court A — Added to **Cases Filed** for Court A.



# Reporting Transfers-Reports by Court- Annual Performance Measures

Case transferred/assigned in July to District Court B – Added to **Internal Transfers Out** for Court A and added to **Internal Transfers In** for Court B.



# Working with your Clerk(s)

We encourage you to review your current monthly court activity report that is submitted to OCA. Though these reports are by county and <u>not</u> by court, they provide a good foundation for a review.

# Things to look for:

- New cases reported
  - Do the numbers reflect the new activity in your courts?
- Active Pending Cases
  - If there are zero or few cases, this could be something to point out to your clerk.
- Cases Disposed
  - Do the number reflect the closure activity in your court?

### **District Courts**

### Activity Detail from January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024

County

100.0 Percent Reporting Rate

1 Reports Received Out of a Possible 1											
			CRIMINA	L CASES							
Cases on Docket:	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony DWI	Other Felony	All Misde- meanors	Total Cases		
Cases Pending 1/1/2024:											
Active Cases	96	105	12	50	272	81	422	3	1,321		
Inactive Cases	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2		
Docket Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cases Added:											
Filed by Indictment or Information	1	4	1	0	4	2	4	0	19		
Other Cases Reaching Docket:											
Motions to Revoke Filed	0	3	0	1	3	0	6	0	17		
Cases Reactivated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
All Other Cases Added	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Total Cases on Docket:	97	112	13	51	279	83	433	3	1,358		
Dispositions: Convictions: Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere	1	1	2	2	7	5	16	0	35		
By the Court	1	0	2	0	5	0	8	0	18		
By the Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Convictions	2	1	4	2	12	5	24	0	53		
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	11		
Acquittals:											
By the Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
By the Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Acquittals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Dismissals	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4		
Motions to Revoke:  Granted/Revoked  Denied/Continued	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 7	0	1 17		
All Other Dispositions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Cases Disposed	2	8	4	3	16	6	34	0	86		
Placed on Inactive Status	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	o	0		



- Instructions and Guidance Documents are designed to assist with reporting at the clerk level. We are constantly updating our information and FAQs to assist. Go to: <a href="https://www.txcourts.gov/">https://www.txcourts.gov/</a>
- If you have further questions, please email:

<u>JudInfo@txcourts.gov</u>

