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H.B. No. 3416

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to providing psychological counseling to jurors or  
3 alternate jurors in certain criminal trials.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 56.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7 (f) The crime victim liaison may arrange for not more than  
8 10 hours of post-trial psychological counseling for a person who  
9 serves as a juror or an alternate juror in the trial of an offense  
10 under Section 15.031 or 33.021, Penal Code, or Chapter 19, 21, 22,  
11 25, or 43, Penal Code, involving graphic evidence or testimony. The  
12 crime victim liaison may provide the counseling using a provider  
13 that assists local criminal justice agencies in providing similar  
14 services to victims.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
16 to the provision of counseling for a juror or an alternate juror in  
17 a criminal trial that begins on or after the effective date of this  
18 Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.