

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 17, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Chris Harris, Chair, Senate Committee on Administration

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1236** by Hopson (Relating to information required to be placed in a pen packet accompanying a defendant on transfer from county jail to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Article 42.09, Code of Criminal Procedure, to require that a copy of any detainer that has been placed on a defendant, issued by an agency of the federal government and that is in the possession of the county, be included in the pen packet accompanying the defendant from county jail to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Additionally, there would be a requirement to include in the pen packet a written description of a hold or warrant of which the county is aware that has been placed on or issued for the defendant, issued by any other jurisdiction. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003 and apply only to defendants transferred from county jail on or after that date.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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