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TO: Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2729 by Talton (Relating to the regulation of bail bond sureties; providing penalties.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code regarding bail bond surety operations, regulations enforced by bail bond boards, and penalties imposed on a bail bond surety for violating regulations. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Although one of the proposed changes in statute would require the bail bond board to pay for copies of records maintained by the bail bond license holder if the board requests copies, it is likely that the board would not incur any significant costs, particularly since the board is authorized to inspect the records without making copies. Other proposed changes in regulating bail bond sureties would have minimal fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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