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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1336 by Hinojosa (Relating to the liability of a criminal defendant and the defendant's sureties on a personal bond or bail bond and to certain procedures in connection with bond forfeiture.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the liability of a criminal defendant on a personal bond or bail bond. The bill would also 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. 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. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Office of Court Administration anticipate no significant fiscal impact from this bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Counties would see a minimal increase in revenues due to reducing the instances in which bond amounts are returned, but these gains are not expected to be significant.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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