

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 28, 2005**

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

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3231** by Uresti (Relating to requiring certain criminal defendants released on personal bond to post an additional cash bond.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would authorize a magistrate to impose a cash bond not to exceed 10 percent of the bail amount set in a case in addition to assessing a personal bond fee on a defendant released on personal bond. The additional cash bond posted must be deposited, held, and if applicable, refunded to the defendant in the same manner as cash funds deposited for a bail bond. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and would apply only to a defendant charged with an offense committed on or after that date.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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