

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1658  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, cash funds deposited for a bail bond are refunded to the defendant if and when the defendant complies with the condition of the bond. H.B. 1658 clarifies that cash funds are required to be refunded to only the defendant who may initially have deposited the funds for the cash bond.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1658 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to clarify in the definition of "bail bond," for purposes of provisions of law relating to bail, that any cash funds deposited for a bail bond be refunded to only the defendant and makes technical corrections to reflect current statutory construction and drafting conventions.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2011.