

Amend **SB 878** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 59.063 to read as follows:

Art. 59.063. UNIFORM REPORTING REQUIREMENT. (a) Not later than the 90th day after the last day of the fiscal year for the agency, a law enforcement agency engaged in the seizure, forfeiture, receipt, or expenditure of proceeds and property received under this chapter shall submit to the state auditor an annual report covering the preceding fiscal year that includes:

(1) information on each seizure and forfeiture by the agency, including:

(A) the date the proceeds or property was seized;

(B) the type of any property seized, including the make, model, and serial number, as applicable;

(C) the nature of the underlying offense;

(D) the disposition of related criminal actions;

(E) the venue of the forfeiture proceeding;

(F) whether the owner of the proceeds or property subject to forfeiture is represented by an attorney in the forfeiture proceeding;

(G) the value of the proceeds or property;

(H) the gross amount received from the forfeiture, the expenses deducted as part of the forfeiture proceeding, and the net amount received from the forfeiture; and

(I) the disposition of the proceeds or property following seizure and the date of that disposition; and

(2) the amount and purpose of each expenditure of forfeiture proceeds by the law enforcement agency, including:

(A) gang and substance abuse prevention and education;

(B) witness protection;

(C) court costs and attorney's fees;

(D) law enforcement agency salaries, overtime pay, and benefits for officers and employees;

(E) professional or outside services, including

services related to auditing, court reporting, and expert witnesses;

(F) travel expenses, including meals and entertainment;

(G) training and conferences;

(H) operating expenses, including the cost of producing reports under this article;

(I) vehicles;

(J) law enforcement agency equipment, such as tactical gear and firearms;

(K) capital expenditures, such as furniture, computers, and office equipment; and

(L) any other uses of forfeiture proceeds.

(b) Each law enforcement agency shall file the report described by Subsection (a) covering the seizure, forfeiture, receipt, or expenditure of proceeds and property received under this chapter by the law enforcement agency. A report must be filed by a law enforcement agency that did not engage in a seizure or forfeiture during the reporting period indicating that fact.

(c) The state auditor shall adopt a standard form for the timely submission of a report under Subsection (a). The state auditor's office shall make the submitted reports available on its Internet website and shall provide printed copies to state legislators on request.

(d) Each law enforcement agency may use proceeds received under this chapter to pay costs incurred by the agency to comply with the requirements of this article.

(e) The state auditor may charge a fee to each law enforcement agency to cover costs incurred by the office in making the reports available under Subsection (c). Each law enforcement agency may use proceeds received under this chapter to pay the fee.

(f) A report submitted to the state auditor under this article is public information under Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION _____. Article 59.063, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, applies only to a fiscal year starting on or after January 1, 2014.