

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2596  
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Lengthy delays often accompany family violence protective orders, interested parties note, which can create a problem for those who rely on these orders and on peace officers enforcing them for personal safety. But when law enforcement has no way to verify the authenticity of a protective order, such a person may be left vulnerable. H.B. 2596 seeks to mitigate these delays.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **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. 2596 amends the Family Code to change the deadline by which a law enforcement agency must enter the required information concerning a person against whom a judge has ordered an active protective order into the statewide law enforcement information system maintained by the Department of Public Safety from not later than the 10th day after the date an original or modified protective order is received by the agency from the issuing court's clerk to not later than the third business day after the date the order is received.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.