BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2065 By: Phillips Transportation Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties express concern regarding potentially inaccurate reporting by municipalities and counties of revenue and expenses relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards. H.B. 2065 seeks to address this issue by requiring a municipality or county that retains a fine from such enforcement to annually file a report detailing any such fines retained and any expenses claimed for the enforcement during the previous fiscal year.

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 rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the comptroller of public accounts in SECTION 1 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2065 amends the Transportation Code to require a municipality or county that retains a fine from the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards to annually file with the comptroller of public accounts a report that details the amount of fines retained from such enforcement and the actual expenses claimed by the municipality or county for the enforcement during the previous fiscal year. The bill requires a municipality or county that fails to file such a report to send to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the Texas Department of Transportation an amount equal to the amount retained by the municipality or county in the fiscal year the report would cover. The bill requires the comptroller to adopt rules as necessary to implement and enforce the bill's provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.