

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3167
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the collection improvement program, while designed to help cities and counties increase their collection rates of criminal fines, has served as an unfunded mandate by overriding certain existing county programs. H.B. 3167 seeks to address this issue by revising the population threshold for participating counties.

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. 3167 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to raise from 50,000 to 100,000 the minimum population threshold of a county to which statutory provisions relating to a program for improvement of the collection of court costs, fees, and fines imposed in criminal cases apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.