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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1318 by Huffman (Relating to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, and the notice provided by peace officers to adult victims of family violence.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1318, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$2,858,452) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$2,732,165)
2025	(\$126,287)
2026	(\$126,287)
2027	(\$231,275)
2028	(\$146,275)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</i>
2024	(\$2,732,165)	1.0
2025	(\$126,287)	1.0
2026	(\$126,287)	1.0
2027	(\$231,275)	1.0
2028	(\$146,275)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Office of Court Administration (OCA) to, without cost to a county, enable counties to integrate their jail records management systems and case management systems with the OCA's public safety report system (PSRS).

Methodology

Costs reflected in the table above are based on the analysis provided by OCA.

OCA estimates that there are approximately 600 jails run by county sheriff's offices and municipalities that use jail records management systems and 453 district/county clerks with case management systems that would be eligible to integrate with the PSRS. These systems are operated by at least 6 different vendors. To accomplish the bill's objective, OCA would need to modify the current PSRS and pay for the cost of integration charged to the jails and district/county clerks by their vendors. This would require that OCA hire an additional FTE to manage the funding and monitor the integration process. OCA estimates the total cost to accomplish this would be \$2.5 million, plus \$100,000 for change orders to the PSRS.

Based on information provided by OCA, it is assumed that 1.0 additional contract specialists would be needed to implement the bill's provisions. Salary costs for this position would total \$172,200 for the 2024-25 biennium. Operating and payroll related benefit costs would total \$65,251 for the 2024-25 biennium.

Technology

OCA estimates the technology costs for modifying the current PSRS and paying for the cost of integration charged to the jails and district/county clerks by their vendors would be \$2.5 million, plus \$100,000 for change orders to the PSRS.

Local Government Impact

According to OCA, the bill may result in more individuals being detained rather than being released on bail and thus increase the cost to units of local government to house them, but OCA is unable to determine the number of individuals this would affect. There would be no cost to local governments for integration with the PSRS due to OCA paying for the cost as required under the bill. Once integration is complete, the county would assume ongoing costs charged by the vendor for hosting costs.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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