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Submitted to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence  
For HB 1385

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I am writing in favorable support of this bill. This bill is absolutely necessary. I have been a prosecutor for almost twenty years. On more than one occasion, I have been contacted by our local pretrial services who did not know that a defendant had pending charges within, or outside, of Midland County. Upon learning about the additional charges, the common response is, "We would have never bonded that individual out had we known." Conversely, I have encountered unnecessary delays in pretrial services bonding first-time offenders with no criminal history because they are waiting for recommendations from either law enforcement or my office about the defendant's history. While the defendant's criminal history should only be a factor in an individual's pretrial release, it is one that should be readily accessible to pretrial services. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully,  
Laura Nodolf Midland County District Attorney

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Aaron Johnson

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This absolutely helps get the Personal Bond Offices under 17.42 into compliance with SB 6 (2021) and allows those agencies to complete their work expeditiously. Thank you for the work on this bill.