

SUBJECT: Study of criminal justice information system reporting requirements

COMMITTEE: Corrections — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 9 ayes — Hightower, Gray, Allen, Culberson, Farrar, Longoria, Pitts,
Serna, Telford

0 nays

WITNESSES: None

DIGEST: CSHB 269 would require criminal justice agencies to cooperate with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to identify and eliminate redundant reporting of information to the criminal justice information system. DPS and TDCJ would be required to develop by January 1, 1996, reporting procedures that provide measures and policies to identify and eliminate redundant reporting of information to the system.

TDCJ would be required to analyze its reporting requirements for criminal justice agencies for the corrections tracking system and to report to the Legislature by December 1, 1996, on recommendations for improving them. The report would have to contain an evaluation of the current system, an analysis of automated and manual reporting methods, an outline of duplications in the reporting, an analysis of the feasibility of reducing or eliminating manual reporting by using existing data in the system, a list of the divisions that should be accountable for implementing the recommendations and a time line for implementing the automated tracking system and reducing or eliminating manual reporting.

NOTES: The committee substitute added the requirement that TDCJ analyze its reporting requirements and make recommendations to improve them and eliminated authority to counties to eliminate some reporting requirements.