

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law requires that a defendant being transferred from a county jail to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice be accompanied by a pen packet containing certain information about the defendant. Among the items required to be contained in the packet are a copy of the judgment entered against the defendant; any amounts owed for restitution, fines, and court costs; and a written report that states the nature and the seriousness of each offense for which the defendant was convicted. As proposed, S.B. 883 requires that a copy of any detainer placed on the defendant be included in the defendant's pen packet.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 8(a), Article 42.09, Code of Criminal Procedure, to require a county that transfers a defendant to the Texas Department of Criminal (TDCJ) to deliver to the officer designated by the TDCJ a copy of any detainer,

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.
Makes application of this Act prospective.