

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 664
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that certain parole violators are held unnecessarily long in county jails. H.B. 664 seeks to address this issue by increasing the authority of judges and magistrates to release certain defendants on bail.

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. 664 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to authorize a judge or magistrate before whom a defendant is brought in the county of the arrest for an alleged violation of a condition of community supervision when the judge who ordered the defendant's arrest is unavailable to release the defendant on bail.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.