

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, there is some inconsistency and confusion in the application of statutes regulating the fiscal operation of a community supervision and corrections department (department) established under Chapter 76, Government Code. As proposed, S.B. 288 authorizes a district judge to appoint fiscal officers, other than the county auditor, to be responsible for the financial transactions for a department.

### **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 76.004, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 76.004. New heading: DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR; FISCAL OFFICER. (c)

Authorizes the district judge or judges to appoint for a community supervision and corrections department established under this chapter (department) a fiscal officer, other than the county auditor, who is responsible for the financial transactions of the department.

(d) Requires the department, if the district judge or judges appoint a fiscal officer under Subsection (c), to pay from the department's funds all costs associated with employing the officer and ensuring that all financial transactions of the department are lawful.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.