

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 156
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the monitoring of occupational driver's license compliance by local community supervision and corrections departments. It has been suggested that a more appropriate entity to conduct such monitoring could be a local personal bond office. H.B. 156 seeks to address this issue by providing for the authority of a personal bond office to monitor this compliance.

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. 156 amends the Transportation Code to give a court the option to order the supervision of a person granted an occupational driver's license to be conducted by a personal bond office as an alternative to ordering supervision to be conducted by the local community supervision and corrections department. The bill authorizes a personal bond office so ordered to conduct a person's supervision to collect from the person a reasonable administrative fee of not less than \$25 and not more than \$60 per month.

H.B. 156 amends the Government Code to exempt an individual ordered to pay an administrative fee to a personal bond office under the bill's provisions from the collection of an administrative fee by a community supervision and corrections department.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.