

**SUBJECT:** Requiring DPS to share criminal history information with certain offices

**COMMITTEE:** Criminal Jurisprudence — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 5 ayes — Moody, Bhojani, Bowers, Darby, Harrison  
0 nays  
4 absent — Cook, Leach, C. Morales, Schatzline

**WITNESSES:** For — David Stout, El Paso County (*Registered, but did not testify*: Allison Greer Francis, CHCS; M Paige Williams, Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot; Elisa M. Tamayo, Claudia Russell, El Paso County; Rosie Medina, El Paso County and the Texas Association of Specialty Courts; Wayne Mack, Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas; Jennifer Carreon, Texas Appleseed; Susana Carranza; Colt DeMorris)  
Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that statute should be clarified to state that the Department of Public Safety is required to share criminal history record information with pretrial services offices, as this information allows officers to track recidivism rates and other key data.

**DIGEST:** HB 1385 would include a county office monitoring the pretrial release of a defendant, including a community supervision and corrections department or a personal bond office, among the entities that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) would be required to grant access to criminal history record information. DPS could disseminate such information only to the extent necessary for a county office to monitor the pretrial release of a defendant.  
The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.