

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, an inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who completes a sentence and is being transferred to the state jail division is given a \$50 release check. The release check is intended to cover the travel expenses of a released inmate going home; however, an inmate processed through the Diagnostic Unit in Huntsville does not go home. The inmate is held over until being sent to a state jail facility. Currently, an inmate held over in the Diagnostic Unit is allowed to spend the \$50 release check in the commissary. H.B. 1102 would prohibit an inmate who is being transferred from the institutional division to a state jail facility from receiving a \$50 release check.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1102 prohibits an inmate who is being transferred from the institutional division to a state jail facility from receiving a \$50 release check.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 501.015, Government Code, by adding Subsection (f), to provide that Subsection (a)(3) does not apply to an inmate who on discharge or release on parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon is transferred from the custody of the institutional division to a state jail felony facility or who is subject to a felony detainer and is released to the custody of another jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.