

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 3209  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, crime stoppers organizations which receive certain payments are required to use at least 90 percent of the money to reward individuals who report information concerning criminal activity. H.B. 3209 sets forth provisions for the use of excess funds received by crime stoppers organizations.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3209 sets forth provisions for the use of excess funds received by crime stoppers organizations.

### **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 414.010, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d), to authorize a crime stoppers organization to deposit certain excess funds in a separate interest-bearing account to be used for certain purposes, if the excess funds exceed a certain amount. Authorizes a crime stoppers organization that deposits such funds to use the interest from the account to pay administration costs. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.