

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The general perception among many people involved in the criminal justice system is that very few criminal defendants are financially able to pay fines and costs. This perception is being altered by innovative and aggressive collections programs that are proving that a majority of criminal defendants have greater resources to meet financial responsibilities than is usually assumed. H.B. 3498 sets forth provisions regarding the preparation and funding for collection improvement plans.

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 Chapter 103, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Article 103.0032, as follows:

Art. 103.0032. COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT PLANS. Sets forth provisions regarding the preparation of and funding for collection improvement plans.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. Requires each commissioners court and each governing body of a municipality to file the first collection improvement plan required by Article 103.0032, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2002.