

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 418  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties point out that a true and correct copy of a backup audio media recording can be useful for purposes of a complaint review process in determining the environment in a court proceeding that is not attainable through transcripts of conversations. S.B. 418 seeks to require a court reporter to furnish such an available recording to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct on request to aid the commission in carrying out its duties.

### **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**

S.B. 418 amends the Government Code to require the official court reporter, if the court reporter has a backup audio media recording of a court proceeding and on request of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, to produce to the commission at no cost to the commission a true and correct copy of the backup audio media recording.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 15, 2015.