

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 2846
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DIGEST

Currently, county sheriffs work under certain restraints in operating the jail commissary, one of which is the periodic audits of the jail commissary account. Given the growth in the size of these funds, modern advances in telecommunications and computerized account procedures, and the need for counties to manage their finances in a prudent way require the funds to be audited more than annually. C.S.H.B. 2846 requires the sheriff of a county to provide to the county commissioners copies of contracts for the jail commissary in a more timely manner than annually.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 2846 requires a county sheriff to provide to the commissioners court of the county certain contracts regarding the county jail commissary.

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 351.0415, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (e), to require the sheriff of a county containing two or more municipalities each with a population of 250,000 or more to provide to the commissioners court of the county each contract the sheriff makes under this section relating to the commissary. Requires the sheriff to provide the contract within 10 days after the date the contract is made.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

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