BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1110 By: Barrientos Criminal Justice 4/19/2001 Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, there is no requirement to report certain findings regarding the judgment on offenses committed because of bias or prejudice. C.S.S.B. 1110 requires the court clerk, after an affirmative finding under Article 42.014, Code of Criminal Procedure, to notify and report to the office of the attorney general the substance of that finding within 30 days of the judgment.

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 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Article 2.27, as follows:

Art. 2.27. REPORT OF OFFENSE COMMITTED BECAUSE OF BIAS OR PREJUDICE. Requires the court clerk, not later than the 30th day after the date on which a judgment is entered in a criminal case in which an affirmative finding under Article 42.014 is requested by the attorney representing the state, to notify the office of the attorney general of that fact. Requires the court clerk to include in the report a statement as to whether the affirmative finding was entered in the judgment in the case.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by requiring the court clerk, rather than the attorney representing the state, to make certain notifications and reports.

SECTION 2. No change.