

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, a magistrate considering bail for an arrested person may take into account whether the person is currently on bond for another offense, but is not required to do so. As proposed, S.B. 1807 requires a magistrate to determine whether a person arrested is currently on bail for a separate criminal offense before admitting that person to bail.

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 Article 15.17(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, to require the magistrate to allow the person arrested reasonable time and opportunity to consult counsel and, after determining whether the person is currently on bail for a separate criminal offense, to admit the person arrested to bail if allowed by law.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.