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H.B. No. 3165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of a personal bond pretrial release office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5(a), Article 17.42, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A personal bond pretrial release office established under this article shall:

(1) prepare a record containing information about any accused person identified by case number only who, after review by the office, is released by a court on personal bond before sentencing in a pending case;

(2) update the record on a monthly basis; and

(3) file a copy of the record with the district or county clerk, as applicable based on court jurisdiction over the categories of offenses addressed in the records, in any county served by the office.

SECTION 2. Section 6(b), Article 17.42, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In preparing an annual report under Subsection (a), the office shall include in the report a statement of:

(1) the office's operating budget;

(2) the number of positions maintained for office staff;

(3) the number of accused persons who, after review by

1 the office, were released by a court on personal bond before
2 sentencing in a pending case; and

3 (4) the number of persons described by Subdivision
4 (3):

5 (A) [~~who were convicted of the same offense or of~~
6 ~~any felony within the six years preceding the date on which charges~~
7 ~~were filed in the matter pending during the person's release,~~

8 [~~(B)~~] who failed to attend a scheduled court
9 appearance;

10 (B) [~~(C)~~] for whom a warrant was issued for the
11 [~~person's~~] arrest of those persons for failure to appear in
12 accordance with the terms of their [~~the person's~~] release; or

13 (C) [~~(D)~~] who, while released on personal bond,
14 were arrested for any other offense in the same county in which the
15 persons were released [~~while~~] on [~~the personal~~] bond.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.