Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB 2314					
	House of Origin	\boxtimes	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled
2.	Patron: W	/ilt					

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Licensing of bail bondsmen

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would make several changes to the provisions regarding the licensure of bail bondsmen and bail enforcement agents by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), as follows:

- Felony—Under current law, anyone convicted of a felony offense cannot be licensed as a bail bondsman or bail enforcement agent. The proposed legislation would require DCJS to suspend, during the pendency of his case, any bail bondsman or bail enforcement agency arrested for a felony offense.
- Reporting deadlines—Under current law, bail bondsmen and bail enforcement agents have 30 days to report any changes in residence, name, or business name or business address and any conviction, administrative action against him, or summons. The proposed legislation would reduce the reporting timeframe to within 10 days of the occurrence.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation would result in changes in the regulation of bail bondsmen and bail enforcement agents and are not expected to have a fiscal impact on DCJS.

- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.
- 11. Other Comments: None.

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