

REMOVE CAP ON COUNTY REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION

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House Bill 4173 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Kara Hope
Committee: Judiciary
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4173 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to remove the limit on the maximum reward that a county can offer for certain information regarding criminal activity.

Currently under the act, a county board of supervisors is authorized to offer and pay from the county's general fund a reward of up to \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction, or for information leading to the arrest and conviction, of a person who has committed a crime or escaped from prison or jail in that county.

The act also provides that, when the board of supervisors is not in session, its finance committee may offer and pay such a reward.

The bill would remove the cap on the reward amount described above. Under the bill, a county board of commissioners could offer and pay from the county's general fund a reward (of any amount) for the arrest and conviction, or for information leading to the arrest and conviction, of a person who has committed a crime or escaped from prison or jail in that county.

The bill also would provide that, when the board of commissioners is not in session, its finance committee may offer and pay such a reward, but only if a reward is requested by the county's sheriff or prosecuting attorney.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted into law.

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BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4173 is similar to HB 4045 of the 2019-20 legislative session and HB 4971 of the 2017-18 legislative session, both of which were passed by the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4173 would have no fiscal impact on the state and would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. Under provisions of the bill, county boards of commissioners would be authorized to offer and pay a reward for the arrest and conviction, or for information leading to the arrest and conviction, of any person or persons having committed a crime within the county or having escaped from any penal institution within the county. Counties would decide the amount of awards they want to offer, and awards would be paid out of the general fund of the county. Because the amount of awards that would be offered and paid is not known, it is not possible to determine the fiscal impact on counties.

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