## FINAL BILL REPORT

## **ESB 6544**

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regulating bail bond agency branch offices.

Sponsors: Senators Smith and McCaslin.

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade House Committee on Commerce & Labor

**Background:** Persons and businesses involved in issuing bail bonds are regulated by the Department of Licensing. Records keeping and business practices are prescribed, but there are no requirements regarding physical locations of offices.

**Summary:** Bail bond agency branch office is defined.

A bail bond agency must maintain a branch office in each county in which it provides bail bond services. Each branch office must be separately licensed. The branch offices must operate under the same name as the principal bail bond agency and must have a qualified bail bond agent as manager.

## **Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 47 2

House 90 0 (House amended) Senate 43 0 (Senate concurred)

Effective: June 6, 1996