# Chapter 1011

H.B. No. 1442

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the release of certain defendants pending a motion for
3	new trial or an appeal from a misdemeanor conviction.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Article 44.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6	amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:
7	(i) Notwithstanding any other law, pending the
8	determination of a defendant's motion for new trial or the
9	defendant's appeal from a misdemeanor conviction, the defendant is
10	entitled to be released after completion of a sentence of
11	confinement imposed for the conviction. The trial court may require
12	the defendant to give a personal bond but may not, either instead of
13	or in addition to the personal bond, require:
14	(1) any condition of the personal bond;
15	(2) another type of bail bond; or
16	(3) a surety or other security.
17	SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1442 was passed by the House on May 2, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1442 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

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# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

# FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

# May 8, 2017

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1442 by Wu (Relating to the release of certain defendants pending a motion for new

trial or an appeal from a misdemeanor conviction.), As Engrossed

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### **Local Government Impact**

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact on local courts is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: UP, KJo, ZB, GDz, JGA

# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

# FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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