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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 5869 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Hansen Clarke
Committee: Criminal Justice

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 12/2/02
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SUMMARY

At present, a person may be released on bond by posting a ten-percent cash deposit or a surety bond for the full amount. The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow the posting of a surety bond for twenty-five percent of the full bail amount. The bill apparently would have no fiscal impact on the state and no significant fiscal impact on local units of government. By court rule, forfeited bonds are deposited in the treasury of the applicable local unit of government (county treasury for circuit court, district control unit(s) for district court, municipal treasury for municipal court); thus, the bill's impact on local units of government would depend on how it affected the total of bond forfeitures.