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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5327 AS INTRODUCED 12-6-89

The bill would amend the forfeiture law contained in the Public Health Code; that law makes property used in connection with drug trafficking subject to seizure. Following civil forfeiture proceedings, the local unit of government that seized the property may, among other things, retain the property for official use, or sell it and use the proceeds for the expenses of the seizure and forfeiture, with any balance going to the entity having budgetary control over the seizing agency, to be used for drug enforcement.

The bill would require each local unit of government involved in a forfeiture to make an annual report to the legislature and the Department of Management and Budget. A report on the preceding calendar year would have to be made by February 1, and would have to include, as applicable:

--the number of forfeiture proceedings that the local unit of government instituted in the circuit court, the number that were concluded, and the number and status of those that were pending at the end of the year;

--the number of forfeitures accomplished by the local unit of government without a forfeiture proceeding in the circuit court;

--the total value of all property forfeited;

--the type and amount of property received by the local unit of government; and

--a statement explaining how the money received by the local unit of government was being used to enhance drug law enforcement efforts.

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