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Bill Analysis

HB 3276 requires a court to determine whether money seized in connection with a criminal case is no longer required for evidentiary purposes prior to law enforcement utilizing the funds. The measure increases the number of days prior to a hearing that notice must be provided from 10 days to 11 days. The measure also authorizes municipalities to dispose of seized property in a manner outlined by the measure. A municipality may transfer any currency received into a depository account for the benefit of its known or unknown owners prior to any court order for disposition of the money or legal tender. No forfeiture proceeding shall be necessary to authorize the destruction of property that cannot be returned lawfully to its owner. Municipalities may provide written notice at the time of arrest or detention that certain property is available for return within 90 days.