

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 325 modifies the timeframe as it relates to the initial court appearance after a person is charged with a crime and held in jail. The measure provides that such a person must be brought to trial within 9 months instead of 1 year. The measure provides that up to 3 continuances of no more than 30 days may be ordered. Additionally, the measure provides that the court must hold a review within 3 months, instead of 4 months as provided for in current law, if it determines the defendant's right to a speedy trial was violated. If the case is still pending after the 3-month period, the court must conduct another review within 30 days. The measure directs the court to consider the whether a court reporter was available as well as whether a continuance is granted to allow the prosecution additional time to prepare in a felony case if the court enters specific findings that additional time is justified due to exceptional circumstances if a delay occurred.

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