

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2003**

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

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB59** by Wise (Relating to the offense of aggravated kidnapping, the punishment for the offense of kidnapping, and the definition of and punishment for the offense of trafficking in persons.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code by enhancing the punishment for the offense of kidnapping from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree if the actor exposed the person abducted to a risk of bodily injury. The Penal Code would be further amended by defining the conditions that constitute the offense of aggravated kidnapping. The bill would also amend the Penal Code by creating the offense of trafficking persons. The offense would be punishable as either a felony of the second degree, or as a felony of the first degree. The organized criminal activity provision of the Penal Code would be amended to include the offense of trafficking. It is assumed that the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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