

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 31, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

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

**IN RE: HB1514** by Allen (Relating to the imposition of sanctions on defendants who violate conditions of community supervision.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure by requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to propose and the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to adopt minimum sanction standards for defendants who violate conditions of community supervision. The minimum sanction standards would be required no later than January 1, 2004. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has determined that the cost of implementing the provisions of this bill would not be significant. However, the future impact of the bill would depend on whether the eventual adopted minimum standards for defendants who violate conditions of community supervision are more or less permissive than currently implemented standards.

**Local Government Impact**

Costs to local governments to implement the bill would depend upon the eventual minimum standards adopted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. After the standards are developed, judges in local courts may have less discretion in sentencing, which could result in changes in incarceration costs for local entities.

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