

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

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

**March 27, 2003**

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

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

**IN RE: SB827** by Whitmire (Relating to creating offenses for abandoning or endangering an elderly individual or disabled individual and for failing to provide certain care for a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code by including elderly individuals and disabled individuals in the current offense of abandoning or endangering a child. The bill would also amend the Penal Code by including the intentional or knowing failure to provide adequate food, medical care, or shelter to a child younger than 15 years, an elderly individual, or a disabled individual, as committing the offense of abandoning or endangering a child, an elderly individual, or a disabled individual. It is assumed that the number of additional 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 fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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