

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

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**TO:** Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1634** by Allen, Ray (Relating to arson and arson investigation; creating offenses.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code by making punishable as a felony of the third degree the reckless causing of a fire or an explosion while manufacturing a controlled substance and in the process damaging any building, habitation, or vehicle. The impact of the bill would depend on the number of persons caught and convicted of the offense; however, in the case of this bill, the increased workload and demand for resources would probably not be substantial.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would also amend the Local Government Code by further specifying conditions in which a person commits the misdemeanor offense of contempt of fire investigation proceedings.

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

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