

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 11, 2005**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2296** by Cook, Robby (Relating to the reduction of certain felonies to a misdemeanor.),  
**As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code by authorizing a prosecuting attorney to prosecute a felony of the third degree as a Class A misdemeanor. By potentially lowering the range of sanctions for selected offenders, the bill could potentially decrease community supervision and incarceration expenses. Such savings would depend on the extent to which the punishment for third degree felons would be decreased as provided by the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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