

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

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

**IN RE: SB60** by Lucio (Relating to the punishment for a capital offense.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code by adding life without parole as a sentencing option for offenders convicted of capital murder.

Under current law and policy, the average time served in prison by persons likely to be affected by the provisions of this bill is greater than five years. Therefore, no significant impact on demands on the adult corrections agencies is anticipated during the first five years following passage.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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