

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

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

**IN RE: HB1586** by Flores (Relating to the creation of the offense of illumination of an aircraft by intense light.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 42, Penal Code, by creating as an offense the act of intentionally directing toward an aircraft a laser pointer or other light source that is sufficiently intense to impair the operator's ability to control the aircraft. Directing the light toward an aircraft would be a Class C misdemeanor. If the intensity of the light were to impair the operator's ability to control the aircraft, it would be a Class A misdemeanor.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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