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S.B. No. 164

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a criminal justice policy impact statement attached to  
3 certain bills or resolutions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 314, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 314.005 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 314.005. CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT.

8 (a) The board shall prepare a criminal justice policy impact  
9 statement for each bill or resolution that authorizes or requires a  
10 change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of a felony.

11 (b) The impact statement must include information  
12 concerning:

13 (1) the estimated number of criminal cases each year  
14 that the legislation will impact;

15 (2) the fiscal impact of imprisoning or imposing other  
16 sanctions on persons in accordance with the legislation;

17 (3) the impact of the legislation on major racial and  
18 ethnic minority groups;

19 (4) the impact of the legislation on existing  
20 correctional facilities, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code;

21 (5) the likelihood that the legislation may create a  
22 need for additional prison capacity; and

23 (6) any other matter the board determines relevant.

24 (c) The board shall consult with the Department of Public

1 Safety and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to develop a  
2 protocol for analyzing the impact of the bill or resolution on  
3 racial and ethnic minority groups.

4 (d) The impact statement must be attached to the bill or  
5 resolution immediately following the fiscal note attached under  
6 Section 314.003.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.