

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB1644** by Dukes (Relating to admonishments given to a person charged with a misdemeanor.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require inclusion on a written citation to be issued to persons charged with committing a Class C misdemeanor offense an admonishment regarding the possible loss of the person's right to possess or purchase a firearm if they are convicted of certain misdemeanor offenses.

Before accepting a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere by a defendant charged with a misdemeanor involving family violence, the court would be required to admonish the defendant regarding the possible loss of their right to possess or purchase a firearm. The admonishment could be orally or in writing. If a citation had been issued containing that information, the citation would serve as the court's admonishment.

Costs associated with printing new citation forms could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405 Department of Public Safety

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