

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

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**TO:** Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

**IN RE: HB2981** by Hunter (Relating to the operation on a highway or street of a motor vehicle that is drawing a boat or personal watercraft in or on which a child is riding; providing a penalty.),  
**Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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

The bill would add Section 545.4145 to the Transportation Code to create an offense if a person operates a motor vehicle on a highway or a street and a child under younger than 18 years of age is riding in a boat or personal watercraft that is being drawn by the motor vehicle. The bill would establish a defense to prosecution under this section that the person was operating the motor vehicle in a parade, in an emergency, or on the beach. An offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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