

**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: SB250** by Zaffirini (Relating to protective orders for stalking victims.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Penal Code to add stalking to the possible types of harm for which an applicant for a protective order may be in clear and present danger of suffering. The bill would add stalking as an offense on which the court may base its required findings. The bill would require a court to issue a protective order if the court makes a finding that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is the victim of sexual assault or stalking. To the extent the bill would provide a court with additional instances in which to issue protective orders, no significant fiscal implication to the workloads of the courts statewide is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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