

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB357 by Hinojosa (Relating to the issuance of protective orders for certain sexual, stalking, and trafficking offenses.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add sexual abuse and trafficking to the list of offenses that would make a victim eligible for a protective order. The bill would also permit applications for certain protective orders to be filed in any county in which an element of the alleged offense occurred or any court with jurisdiction over certain other protective orders. The bill would clarify that a court may prohibit an alleged offender from communicating with the applicant, or any member of the applicant's family or household, except through the applicant's attorney or a person appointed by the court.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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