

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB1428 by Hinojosa (Relating to the reformation of the sentences of juveniles convicted of capital felonies. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require the court of criminal appeals to reform the sentences of individuals who were sentenced to life without parole and who were 17 years old or less at the time of the offense to a sentence of life with the possibility of parole or for any term of not more than 99 years.

Providing for the possibility of parole and/or reducing the sentence of individuals is expected to result in decreased demands upon the correctional resources of the state due to shorter terms of incarceration. For this analysis, it is assumed the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696  
Department of Criminal Justice

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