

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 8, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB673** by Bell (Relating to the amount of certain controlled substances in the body constituting intoxication for purposes of certain intoxication offenses.), **As Introduced**

Due to the unavailability of reliable data related to the bill's proposed changes to the definition of *intoxicated*, there could be an indeterminate significant impact on state correctional agency populations, programs, or workloads.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the amount of certain controlled substances in the body constituting intoxication for the purposes of certain intoxication offenses. Under the provisions of the bill, the definition of intoxicated would be expanded to include any detectable amount of certain controlled substances. The probable impact of implementing the bill's provisions cannot be determined due to the unavailability of reliable data related to the proposed changes to the definition of *intoxicated*. This expansion could result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies, though the impact's extent cannot be determined.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would expand the definition of intoxicated to include any a detectable amount of a certain controlled substance or a metabolite of a certain controlled substance. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could likely be absorbed with existing resources. Revenue from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:**

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