

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

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

**April 6, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John Kuempel, Chair, House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics

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

**IN RE: HB3681** by Geren (Relating to the categorization of violations by the Texas Ethics Commission.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend Government Code to require the Ethics Commission to categorize reporting violations into three levels based on the seriousness of the violation, and to adopt rules defining which violations would be included in each category. Any costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within current agency resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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