

**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: HB3884** by Dutton (Relating to the carrying of knives; creating a criminal offense.), As  
**Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the carrying of knives. Under the provisions of the bill, the unlawful carrying of a location-restricted knife by a person younger than 18 would be punishable as a class A misdemeanor or a third-degree felony, depending on the circumstances. The bill would also reduce the penalty, in certain circumstances, for the carrying of a location-restricted knife in certain places where weapons are prohibited. This analysis assumes the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

Implementing the provisions of the bill could decrease the number of offenders remanded to local jails. Changes in costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. Changes in revenue from fines imposed and collected are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 701 Central Education Agency

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