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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1667 |
| By: Meyer |
| Criminal Jurisprudence |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties contend that the current punishment for promotion of prostitution is not enough of a deterrent to human traffickers and does not reflect the seriousness of the crime. H.B. 1667 seeks to address this issue by increasing certain penalties for promotion of prostitution. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill expressly does one or more of the following: creates a criminal offense, increases the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or changes the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 1667 amends the Penal Code to increase the penalty for promotion of prostitution from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony. The bill increases the penalty enhancement for a subsequent conviction of the offense from a state jail felony to a third degree felony.  |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |