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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 524 |
| By: Birdwell |
| Criminal Jurisprudence |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties contend that the punishment for abusing a corpse is not severe enough to fit the nature of the crime. S.B. 524 seeks to increase the penalty for that offense. |
| **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** S.B. 524 amends the Penal Code to increase the penalty for abusing a corpse from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony, with certain exceptions. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |