

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 23, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB1551** by Krause (Relating to the creation of a commission to review certain penal laws of this state.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would create a commission to review certain penal laws of this state. The bill would require the commission to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the repeal or amendment of certain laws that are identified as being unnecessary, unclear, duplicative, overly broad, or otherwise insufficient to serve the intended purpose of the law. The bill would require the commission to report findings to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the standing committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice no later than November 1, 2018. The bill would expire and abolish the commission on December 31, 2018. This bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of each house; if not, it will take effect on September 1, 2017.

The Office of Court Administration and the Office of the Governor estimate that all duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor

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