

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

**IN RE:** SB302 by Watson (Relating to the continuation and functions of the state bar.), As Passed  
2nd House

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

The bill would amend the Government Code to extend the State Bar's sunset expiration date to September 1, 2029, expand training requirements for certain board members, revise grievance and disciplinary proceedings, require the Supreme Court to appoint an ombudsman to review and oversee the grievance system, and define the composition and operations of the Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda.

According to the Sunset Commission, the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Court Administration, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, provisions of the bill could be accomplished through existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 212 Office of Court Administration,  
Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405  
Department of Public Safety

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