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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB323 by Nelson (Relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation; imposing a penalty.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the prohibition of female genital mutilation. Under the provisions of the bill, the prohibition against female genital mutilation would be expanded to include knowingly transporting or permitting the transport of someone younger than 18 from or within Texas for the purpose of performing such acts. The bill would make such acts punishable by a state jail felony. The bill would also establish what would not be considered a defense to prosecution.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696
Department of Criminal Justice

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