

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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 the offense of female genital mutilation.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the offense of female genital mutilation. Under the provisions of the bill, the offense of female genital mutilation would be expanded to include engaging in certain behavior that results in such acts to be performed on someone younger than 18 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 September 1, 2017 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

**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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