

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

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

**IN RE:** SB524 by Birdwell (Relating to increasing the punishment for the offense of abuse of a corpse.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the offense of abuse of a corpse. Under the provisions of the bill, abuse of a corpse would be punishable by a state jail felony or a Class A misdemeanor based on the specific circumstances of the offense.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate they 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 demands for state correctional resources.

The bill would take effect on 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:** 211 Court of Criminal Appeals, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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