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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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 Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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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 as a state jail felony.

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 demands for state correctional resources. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017 and apply only to offenses 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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