

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

**IN RE:** SB1232 by Huffman (relating to the creation of the offense of bestiality.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code by creating the offense of bestiality. Under the provisions of the bill, bestiality would be punishable as a state jail or third degree felony depending on the specific circumstances of the offense.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

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:**

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