

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB16** by Leach (Relating to enforcement of the rights of a living child born after an abortion; creating a civil cause of action.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would create a civil cause of action against a physician in certain circumstances and make a physician liable to the State for a civil penalty of not less than \$100,000. The attorney general may bring suit to collect the civil penalty and may recover reasonable attorney's fees.

The Office of Court Administration, Office of the Attorney General and the Texas Medical Board indicate the bill's provisions could be absorbed within existing resources. The Comptroller of Public Accounts indicates the fiscal impact cannot be estimated at this time.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 503 Texas Medical Board

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