

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

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

**IN RE: HB1343** by Leach (Relating to persons who may be prosecuted for the criminal offense of improper contact with a victim.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code to make it an offense for a confined individual to engage in conduct that constitutes contact with certain victims if the director of the facility has not received, from these victims, written and dated consent to the contact. Under existing statute, improper contact with a victim is a Class A misdemeanor 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 modifications outlined in the bill's provisions will not result in 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.

**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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