

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: SB535** by Campbell (Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would repeal provisions of the Penal Code related to the offense of the carrying of a weapon on the premises of a place of worship by a license holder. The bill would reduce from a Class A to a Class C misdemeanor the application of this offense in certain circumstances unless the handgun holder was given proper notice that entry with a handgun was forbidden and the holder failed to depart.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), no significant impact to the state court system is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

Lost revenue from reduced fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

According to OCA, no significant impact to local courts is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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