

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4528** by Guillen (Relating to the punishment for the offense of trafficking of persons.), **As Introduced**

<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 increase the penalties for the offense of trafficking of persons. Under the provisions of the bill, trafficking of persons would be punishable as a first degree felony in certain circumstances. Under current law, trafficking of persons is punishable as a second degree felony unless certain circumstances are present, in which case it is punishable as a first degree felony.

The Office of Court Administration and Department of Criminal Justice indicate the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes implementing 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 Admin, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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