

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 27, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

**IN RE: SB36** by Zaffirini (Relating to the offense of hazing.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Education Code as it relates to reporting the offense of hazing. A failure to report a hazing incident is a Class B misdemeanor. According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with establishing the Collaborative Task Force on Higher Education Mental Health Services to study and evaluate mental health services at institutions of higher education could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal impact to counties is anticipated.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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