

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

**April 1, 2021**

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

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

**IN RE: SB36** by Zaffirini (Relating to the offense of hazing.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<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.

This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill addressing sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

**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.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin

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