

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: SB1646** by Perry (relating to the definition of abuse of a child.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code as it relates to the definition of abuse of a child. Under the provisions of the bill, the definition of abuse would be expanded to include certain circumstances involving puberty suppression prescription drugs, cross-sex hormones, surgeries, or other medical procedures for the purpose of child gender transitioning or reassignment as outlined in the bill.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes costs incurred by Department of Family and Protective Service can be realized within existing resources. 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 Admin, 530 Family & Protective Services, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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