

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1207 by Guillen (Relating to the statute of limitations for tampering with certain physical evidence.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would extend the statute of limitations from three years to no limitation for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence if the evidence tampered with is a human corpse or related in certain circumstances to a criminal homicide. While the number of additional indictments for the felony offense of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence which might be presented where the evidence is a human corpse or related in certain circumstances to a criminal homicide is unknown, it is assumed that any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant. While it is assumed that any state revenue impact relating to court fines, costs, and fees would not be significant, it would be dependent on the number of additional indictments presented for the offense.

Local Government Impact

While it is assumed that any increase to local revenue from court fines, costs, and fees would not be significant, it would be dependent on the number of additional indictments presented for the offense.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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