

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Pete Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

**IN RE: SB2794** by Paxton (Relating to the criminal offense of interference with child custody.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the penalty for the offense of a parent knowingly enticing or persuading a child to leave the custody of the other parent, expanding the applicability to include both the custodial and noncustodial parent and decreasing the penalty from a state jail felony to a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine. The offense would remain a state jail felony if the parent has been previously convicted two or more times or enticed or persuaded the child to leave the state.

It is assumed that any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

It is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant.

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

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