

**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: SB2969** by Parker (Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of trespass in a facility housing an animal and to restitution for property damage resulting from that trespass.), **As Introduced**

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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The bill would create a state jail felony offense of trespass in facility housing an animal committed when an actor enters without authority into a cage, enclosure, or other areas where an animal is exhibited or housed at a facility which is operated for public visitation, conservation, education, or science, including zoos.

The bill furthermore specifies that the penalty can be increased to a third degree felony if the actor harasses or causes injury or death to the animal and provides a defense to prosecution if the person entered the area to provide aid to a person or an animal.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact and 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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