

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 21, 2015**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2645** by Blanco (Relating to the violation of certain court orders or conditions of bond in a family violence, sexual assault or abuse, or stalking case; creating an offense.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code to include removing or attempting to remove a global positioning monitoring system (GPS) to the list of behaviors subject to prosecution under the offense of violation of certain court orders or conditions of bond in a family violence, sexual assault or abuse, or stalking case. An offense under this section is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or a third degree felony depending on the circumstances of the offense. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, 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:**

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