

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

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

**IN RE: SB185** by Perry (Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to prohibit a municipality, county or special district, employees of certain local entities and a district attorney or criminal district attorney from adopting rules, orders, ordinances, or policies that prohibit enforcement of state and federal immigration laws. Under the provisions of the bill, a local entity may not prohibit an individual employed or under the direction of the agency from participating in certain activities associated with the immigration status of certain individuals. The bill would deny state grants to an entity for the following year after a court finds that the entity adopted such rules or policies or prohibited the enforcement of immigration laws.

Any citizen residing in the jurisdiction of an entity described above would be allowed to file a complaint with the attorney general. After finding a complaint valid, the attorney general may file a petition for writ of mandamus or apply for other equitable relief to compel the entity to comply with the provisions of the bill. The attorney general may recover reasonable expenses incurred in the legal proceedings.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, any legal work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

According to the Office of Court Administration, the bill provisions are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication on the workloads of the judiciary.

**Local Government Impact**

There could be a fiscal impact to local governmental entities depending on if the entity has such rules, ordinances, or policies relating to provisions in the bill, the number of complaints filed by individuals and the number of complaints investigated and pursued by the Attorney General.

According to the Texas Municipal League (TML), the cost of the bill cannot be determined.

According to the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), Harris County Sheriffs' office reported no

fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement

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