

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1666
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the current punishment for aggravated promotion of prostitution is not enough of a deterrent to human traffickers and does not reflect the seriousness of the crime. H.B. 1666 seeks to address this issue by increasing the penalty for aggravated promotion of prostitution.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill expressly does one or more of the following: creates a criminal offense, increases the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or changes the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1666 amends the Penal Code to increase the penalty for aggravated promotion of prostitution from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.