

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 141  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current law does not provide an increased punishment for the offense of kidnaping if the actor exposed the abducted person to a risk of serious bodily injury, abducted a child or an incompetent person, intended to use the victim to coerce a third person to perform some act, or intended to hold the person in a condition of involuntary servitude. H.B. 141 provides for an elevated class of offense under certain conditions.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 20.03(c), Penal Code, to provide that an offense under this section is a felony of the third degree, except that an offense under this section is a felony of the second degree if the actor exposed the person abducted to a risk of serious bodily injury.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 20.04(a), Penal Code, to amend provisions regarding the offense of abduction.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.