

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 415  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note ambiguity in the law regarding which conduct constituting the offense of aggravated kidnapping makes an offender subject to certain penalties and procedures, including sex offender registration. The goal of H.B. 415 is to remove this ambiguity.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change 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. 415 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, and Penal Code to clarify that, for purposes of the offense of aggravated kidnapping and certain penalties and procedures applicable to the offense, abducting another person with the intent to violate or abuse the person sexually is separate conduct from abducting another person with the intent to inflict bodily injury on the person.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.