

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 524  
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Criminal Jurisprudence  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that the punishment for abusing a corpse is not severe enough to fit the nature of the crime. S.B. 524 seeks to increase the penalty for that offense.

### **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**

S.B. 524 amends the Penal Code to increase the penalty for abusing a corpse from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony, with certain exceptions.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.