

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 19, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2549** by Crossover (Relating to the authority of a state employee to authorize a deduction from the employee's salary or wage payment for a charitable contribution to certain entities. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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The bill would amend the Government Code relating to state employee charitable contributions. The bill would add Chapter 450 to the Government Code to authorize a charitable historical organization, as defined by the bill, to be considered as an eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in a state employee charitable campaign. The bill would amend and add provisions in Chapter 659, regarding the state employee charitable campaign policy committee, pertaining to membership; compensation and reimbursement of committee members; selection of a state campaign manager; application of open meetings and public information laws; requests for information maintained by vendors contracted under Subchapter I; and application of the Texas Sunset Act to the committee. The bill would require that a state employee or retired state employee receiving benefits under Chapter 814, Government Code, who chooses to make a deduction to designate an eligible charitable organization to receive the deductions.

It is anticipated that any additional costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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