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TO: Honorable Jerry Madden, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

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

IN RE: HB2583 by Walle (Relating to the establishment of a gang remediation task force.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2583, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$575,680) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
|-------------|--|
| 2012 | (\$304,885) |
| 2013 | (\$270,795) |
| 2014 | (\$270,795) |
| 2015 | (\$270,795) |
| 2016 | (\$270,795) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1 | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011 |
|-------------|--|---|
| 2012 | (\$304,885) | 5.0 |
| 2013 | (\$270,795) | 5.0 |
| 2014 | (\$270,795) | 5.0 |
| 2015 | (\$270,795) | 5.0 |
| 2016 | (\$270,795) | 5.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code and require the Office of the Attorney General to establish a gang remediation task force to assist political subdivisions and local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to reduce gang-related violent crime. The bill also provides that the OAG appoint the members of the task force, and designate a presiding officer, from representatives of county attorneys, district attorneys, criminal district attorneys, municipal or county governments, local law enforcement agencies, non-governmental entities, and businesses that provide training and other educational or remedial services to gang members to help reduce gang-related violence and private businesses.

The task force would be required to apply for grants and other funds available from any source, including the federal government and develop guidelines for reducing gang-related violence in this

state based on the National Network for Safe Communities' (NNSC) group violence reduction strategy. In addition, the task force would provide assistance to political subdivisions in developing comprehensive strategies to reduce gang-related violence, develop recommendations for strengthening state and local efforts to reduce gang-related violence, and submit a biennial report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Texas Legislature regarding the activities, findings, and recommendations, including any proposed legislation of the task force.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that the Office of the Attorney General would require 5 additional staff to implement provisions of the bill totaling \$183,255 out of General Revenue each fiscal year for salaries. Benefit costs associated with those additional FTEs would total \$51,055 each fiscal year out of General Revenue. Operating expenses would total \$55,575 in fiscal year 2012 and \$21,485 each remaining fiscal year out of General Revenue. Travel expenses would total \$15,000 each fiscal year out of General Revenue.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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