

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 5, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2403** by González, Mary (Relating to removing gender restrictions in the "Romeo and Juliet" defense.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the prosecution of the offense of indecency with a child. Under the provisions of the bill, the affirmative defense to prosecution would no longer include that the victim be a member of the opposite sex. It is assumed that the number of offenders supervised or incarcerated under this statute would not significantly impact state correctional agencies' workload and programs.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** UP, ESi, GG, JGA