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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB345 by Whitmire (Relating to the abolition of the state boot camp program.), As Passed
2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Government Code regarding the state boot camp program. Under the provisions of the bill, Article 42.12, Section 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Government Code, Section 499.052, would be repealed and the state boot camp program would be abolished. Historically, the court placements into the state boot camp program have been a relatively low number, therefore no significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated from this provision of the bill. The bill would also amend the Government Code to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to adopt a policy regarding programs provided by volunteer and faith-based organizations for inmates housed in TDCJ facilities. The policy would establish certain requirements of each TDCJ warden. TDCJ anticipates no significant fiscal impact to the State from this provision of the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

According to responses provided by the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office, no fiscal impact to local law enforcement is anticipated from the provision of the bill related to the state boot camp program. No significant fiscal impact to local government is anticipated from the other provisions of the bill.

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