

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE:** **HB2783** by Howard (Relating to the establishment of the task force on asylum-seeking children.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would create the task force on asylum-seeking children composed of eight members appointed by the Comptroller, including a representative of the Comptroller. The task force would be established to study the humanitarian and fiscal impacts of the presence of asylum-seeking children in this state and to produce a report on the status of asylum-seeking children to be distributed to state and federal officials. The bill would require the task force to meet at least three times a year and to partner with an independent third party to produce the report. The bill authorizes the Comptroller to accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the purposes of the task force. The bill provides that the Comptroller is not required to convene the task force to produce the report if sufficient private gifts, grants, or donations are not available. The report of the task force would be submitted to certain state and federal leadership not later than October 1, 2016. The task force would be abolished on December 31, 2016. The bill would take effect immediately upon receipt of a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house; otherwise the bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Based on the analysis of the Comptroller, it is assumed that costs to produce the report could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 701 Central Education Agency

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