

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1474/2	Introduction Number	AB-0482	Estimate Type	Original
Description Law enforcement standards and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Law Enforcement Standards Board ("Board") attached to the Department of Justice to maintain training standards for three different groups: law enforcement officers, jail officers, and juvenile detention officers. Currently, pre-service law enforcement officers are required to receive 400 hours of training; this bill would require at least 600 hours of training. Currently, pre-service jail and juvenile detention officers are required to receive 120 hours of training; this bill would require 160 hours of training.

The increased training requirements would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Transportation because the State Patrol's current training program exceeds 600 hours. This requirement could have an impact at the local level if law enforcement agencies are not currently meeting or exceeding the proposed requirement.

However, political subdivisions are currently eligible for reimbursement for a portion of the costs associated with training new recruits. This bill removes existing provisions that limit those reimbursements to the first 400 hours of training for law enforcement officers, and the first 120 hours of training for jail and juvenile detention officers. The exact rate of reimbursement is not delineated in the bill, so the precise fiscal impact is indeterminate. It is anticipated that the overall effect would be to decrease costs at both the state and local level.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications