

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3440/1	Introduction Number	SB-373	Estimate Type	Original
Description Law enforcement standards and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill changes minimum standards for law enforcement officers' preparatory training from 520 hours to 600 hours. In addition, the bill requires the Law Enforcement Standards Board (attached to DOJ) to develop a handgun qualification proficiency standard for preparatory law enforcement academies and recertification training for active officers. Finally, the bill separates training standards into three distinct categories: 1) for law enforcement officers (including tribal); 2) for jail officers; and 3) for juvenile detention officers.

Fiscal Effect

The bill gives the Board the authority to create policy and rules that the Department will have to follow during operation of the preparatory law enforcement academy as well as during recertification. The academy is roughly 666 hours in length under its current format, which exceeds both the current 520 hour standard as well as the 600 hour standard proposed in the bill because it requires classes that are not required by the Board (e.g. 40 hour fitness academy and extended interview and interrogation training).

DOJ reimburses the Department for expenses incurred under the current 520 hour curriculum standard. For example, reimbursement for preparatory academy students is \$2,950/person maximum. Depending on the policy of the Board with respect to what types of training will account for the additional 80 hours required, the costs to the Department may increase or decrease and therefore the fiscal effect is indeterminate. For example, costs may decrease if the Board requires and reimburses the Department for the 40 hours of fitness training that is similar in nature and scope to the fitness training required of Department staff; however, costs may increase if the Board requires additional training that is different in nature and scope than what the current Department training curriculum requires.

The bill also establishes a minimum handgun proficiency requirements for recertification training. The Department currently requires annual qualification for all credentialed carriers. It is expected that this requirement will have little fiscal impact if the handgun proficiency requirement is similar in nature and scope to that which Department law enforcement staff are required annually to complete.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications