

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The 77th Texas Legislature enacted S.B. 5, requiring that all municipal building inspectors be certified in building energy performance standards. No training program was provided in order to enable municipal building inspectors to comply with this requirement.

H.B. 3235 directs Texas A&M University to develop and administer a statewide training program for municipal building inspectors seeking to become code-certified inspectors.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 388, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 388.009, as follows:

Sec. 388.009. CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSPECTORS.  
Requires the Energy Systems Laboratory (laboratory) at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of Texas A&M University System develop and administer statewide a training program for municipal building inspectors seeking to become code-certified inspectors. Requires the laboratory to assist participants in the certification program. Authorizes the laboratory to collect reasonable fees from participants in the program in order to pay the costs associated with administering the program.

SECTION 2. Requires the laboratory to have developed the training program required by Section 388.009, Health and Safety Code, not later than January 1, 2004, and requires the laboratory to begin implementing the training program statewide not later than March 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. Provides that notwithstanding Section 11(d), Chapter 967, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, a municipality is not required to comply with Section 388.003(c)(2), Health and Safety Code, before March 1, 2005.