BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, fire fighters and police officers may receive additional pay in the form of an educational incentive as approved by the governing body of the municipality. C.S.S.B. 635 provides that in a municipality that authorizes educational incentive pay, each firefighter is entitled to the larger of an amount set by city ordinance or ten percent of base salary for an associate's degree, twenty percent of base salary for a baccalaureate degree, or twenty-five percent of base salary for a master's or doctorate degree.

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 Section 143.112, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (d) to provide that each eligible fire fighter within each classification on receipt of a degree from an accredited college or university, if the municipality authorizes educational incentive pay under this section, is entitled to the larger amount of certain pay.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.