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TO: Honorable Burt R. Solomons, Chair, House Committee on Financial Institutions

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB521 by Staples (Relating to the acquisition and regulation of manufactured homes; providing penalties.), **As Engrossed**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The provisions of the bill require the Manufactured Housing Division within the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to extend education requirements of eight hours per calendar year to all licensees involved in the sale of manufactured housing.

Currently, TDHCA provides twenty hours of training for non-sales people related to manufactured housing which includes the related eight-hour training. Based on the active number of retailers, brokers, and salespersons, TDHCA estimates an average number of attendees at 4,000 per fiscal year.

The agency would incur additional costs associated with travel and rental space for the additional courses held throughout the state. TDHCA anticipates \$6,000 per year for travel costs and approximately \$6,000 for rental space for fourteen classes per fiscal year. Costs for the first fiscal year may vary due to the effective dates of the bill. It is assumed the Manufactured Housing division could absorb the associated costs within current resources.

The bill takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two thirds of all members elected to each house, if it does not then the bill takes effect September 1, 2003. Sections 1, 15, 16, and 17 take effect January 1, 2004.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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