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TO: Honorable Frank Madla, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB148 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the probationary period of persons appointed to beginning positions in certain fire or police departments.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to authorize the civil service commission in a municipality with a population of less than 1.9 million to by rule extend the probationary period by not longer than six months of a person who is not employed by a department in which a collective bargaining agreement or meet-and-confer agreement currently exists and who must attend a basic training academy necessary for initial certification as a firefighter or police officer. Under current statute, the minimum required probationary period is one year.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005. The provisions of the bill would apply only to persons employed as a firefighter or police officer on or after the effective date.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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