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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: HB304 by Talton (Relating to conditions of employment for police officers employed by certain municipalities.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to establish procedures in certain municipalities for establishing a meet and confer agreement between police officers and the municipality.

The procedures would include meetings between a police officers association and the municipality, a possible certification election within the police department regarding the association, and the option of holding an election in which the citizens of the municipality would vote on the proposal to allow the municipality to operate under the state law that authorizes a meet and confer agreement. An election must be held on the next regularly scheduled general election for municipal officials that would allow sufficient time to prepare the ballot in compliance with other law.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

If an eligible municipality and police association were to meet and confer, the costs to the municipality would be for staff and staff time. If an agreement is reached, the agreement itself would dictate any other fiscal impact.

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