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TO: Honorable Joe Driver, Chair, House Committee on Law Enforcement

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

IN RE: HB370 by Farabee (Relating to deferred disposition of certain traffic offenses by certain holders of out-of-state driver's licenses.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to authorize a judge to require a defendant who does not have a valid Texas driver's license or permit, or who is serving on active duty in the U.S. military forces, and who has not completed a driving safety course or motorcycle operator training course, as appropriate, in another state in the 12 months prior to committing an applicable traffic offense to successfully complete an appropriately approved driving safety course within 90 days. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Current statute does not specifically address whether a person with an out-of-state driver's license or who is serving on active duty in the U.S. military service is eligible to take a driving or motorcycle safety training course when cited for certain applicable traffic offenses.

Local Government Impact

If certain defendants under current statute that cannot take a driving safety course in lieu of paying a traffic fine would be allowed to take a course, there could be a reduction in traffic revenue to the county.

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

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