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TO: Honorable Robert Talton, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

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

IN RE: SB716 by Gallegos (Relating to payroll deductions for certain employees who are peace officers.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to require a municipality with a population of over 10,000 to make payroll deductions if requested in writing by employees who are peace officers and who are not members of a police department covered by a collective bargaining or meet-and-confer agreement if the municipality already permits deductions for purposes other than those required by law.

The bill would also repeal Section 143.357, Local Government Code, which prohibits a public employer from stopping or preventing automatic payroll deductions for dues paid to a police employee group because the group is or is not the bargaining agent.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

Current statute allows a municipality to charge a fee to recover the administrative costs related to processing payroll deductions. If a municipality charges a fee, there would be no fiscal impact. If a municipality does not charge an administrative fee, the cost would be insignificant.

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