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**TO:** Honorable Frank Corte, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations

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

**IN RE: HB3943** by Herrero (Relating to requiring certain persons to receive training relating to emergency management. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3943, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>OPER &amp; CHAUFFEURS LIC AC</i> 99</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007</b>
2008	(\$239,113)	1.0
2009	(\$86,701)	1.0
2010	(\$86,701)	1.0
2011	(\$86,701)	1.0
2012	(\$86,701)	1.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to requiring certain public officials to receive training relating to emergency management.

The bill would add Government Code, Chapter 418.005, Emergency Management Training, which requires state and local elected and appointed officials to complete no less than three hours of emergency management training within 180 days of assuming office. The Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Emergency Management Division (EMD) would be responsible for making the training available or approving suitable training offered by another governmental body. The bill states EMD or another entity to make at least one emergency management training course available on videotape or a similar readily available media. The bill states the EMD or another entity approved to

provide the required training must provide a certificate of course completion. The bill states public officials who attend the training are required to maintain and make available for public inspection their certificates of training. The bill states each elected or appointed public official who has taken the oath of office or assumed the person's responsibilities before January 1, 2008, must complete the course by January 1, 2009. The bill would take effect January 1, 2008.

### **Methodology**

DPS states that 1 additional FTE per year would be required to implement the provisions of the bill due to development of the training course (1 training specialist) to serve as the training program manager to develop the curriculum and operate the online course. Other operating expenses such as maintenance and repair of office machines and computer equipment, computer supplies, non-capital computer equipment, and furniture and equipment, are also included in the cost estimate.

This version of the bill requires public officials (instead of officers) to complete a three (instead of five) hour training course no later than 180 days (instead of 90 days) after the date the person takes the oath of office. Any additional fiscal impact of the revised bill text can not be determined at this time.

### **Technology**

This analysis includes technology costs estimated for online course development, computers, printers, and enterprise software agreements totaling \$162,731 in 2008. Fiscal years 2009 through 2012 have a technology impact of \$10,149 per year for maintenance of the online course and a continued enterprise software agreement.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety

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