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TO: Honorable Tommy Merritt, Chair, House Committee on Public Safety

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

IN RE: HB3334 by Merritt (Relating to the cost of replacing a law enforcement officer during training on enforcement of immigration laws.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Governor's Criminal Justice Division to pay, on application by a unit of local government, the cost incurred to replace a law enforcement officer during the period that the law enforcement officer is receiving training by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, or its successor agency, on the enforcement of federal immigration law. Although it is not known how many local governments would apply, it is assumed that costs associated with this bill could be absorbed within existing agency resources. The bill would be effective September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

The bill would allow a local entity to be reimbursed for costs incurred to replace an officer during the time an officer is receiving training by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. The costs incurred by local entities to implement the provisions of the bill would be offset by funds received from the state.

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