

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2516
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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain municipalities have civil service procedures relating to the termination, suspension, and reinstatement of police officers and fire fighters that allow for the termination, suspension, or reinstatement of a police officer or fire fighter. H.B. 2516 would specify that certain local civil service commissions or independent hearing examiners may reduce indefinite suspensions of police officers or fire fighters to temporary suspensions that do not exceed 90 days. Doing so would provide the same latitude to the civil service commissions and independent hearing examiners that department heads possess by providing for up to 90 day temporary suspensions in lieu of termination on appeal.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2516 amends the Local Government Code to specify that a fire fighter's or police officer's temporary suspension from a fire or police department in a municipality with a population of 1.5 million or more by the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission is for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.