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TO: Honorable Sid Miller, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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

IN RE: HB3383 by Madden (Relating to private DNA laboratories performing forensic analyses on samples or specimens related to the investigation or prosecution of certain criminal offenses.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to permit law enforcement agencies to submit certain samples or specimens to a private DNA laboratory for forensic analysis according to guidelines included in the bill. The bill would also require public DNA laboratories to conduct certain quality assurance reviews of private DNA laboratories according to guidelines included in the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011. This analysis assumes the Department of Public Safety (DPS) could implement the provisions of the bill within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Costs to local law enforcement would vary depending on the number of DNA samples submitted under the provisions of the bill, and it is assumed that local law enforcement would submit DNA for analysis only if sufficient funds are available.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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