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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB542 by Hegar (Relating to the regulation of law enforcement officers by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the regulation of law enforcement officers by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; adding continuing education requirements for police chiefs.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code by requiring peace officers to complete either 16 hours of education and training approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), training through the Bexar County children's crisis intervention training program, or the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, before the officer could serve as a school resource officer for more than 30 days, excluding peace officers while assigned to a school-sponsored event where classroom instruction is not offered.

The bill would require TCLEOSE to appoint a 12-member school resource curriculum committee to develop the curriculum for the education and training program, and require approval of the curriculum by the Commission.

The bill would require the superintendent of a school district that employs a peace officer, or to which a school resource officer is assigned, to maintain on file the certification issued to the officer.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

TCLEOSE, the Texas Education Agency, and Texas State University indicate no significant fiscal impact from the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

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