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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1951** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the licensing and regulation of telecommunicators; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 1701 of the Occupations Code to include telecommunicators in certain licensing and regulatory requirements currently administered by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). The bill would require certain public entities who employ telecommunicators to provide their telecommunicators with no less than 20 hours of TCLEOSE approved training every two years. The bill would require individuals currently employed as telecommunicators to obtain a telecommunicator license from TCLEOSE, if they do not already possess such a license, within the first anniversary of their employment as a telecommunicator.

The bill would also amend Chapters 1951 and 1956 of the Occupations Code pertaining to compliance with crafted precious metal provisions included in the bill.

It is assumed the costs and potential revenue associated with implementing the provisions of the bill would be insignificant and could be absorbed within current appropriations. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

A local government would be required to provide training to a telecommunicator of not less than 20 hours during each 24-month period of employment. Fiscal impact, if any, is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education

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