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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend 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. 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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