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TO: Honorable Susan Lewis King, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3935 by Fletcher (Relating to funding law enforcement training for veterans from state and federal funds or grants.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3935, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.
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General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from Law Officer Stds & Ed Ac	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
	116	
2016	(\$70,547)	1.0
2017	(\$70,047)	1.0
2018	(\$70,047)	1.0
2019	(\$70,047)	1.0
2020	(\$70,047)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Occupations Code to permit the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to seek to obtain state and federal funds, including grants, to assist local law enforcement agencies in providing training to military veterans who seek to become officers. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Methodology

This fiscal note assumes the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement would implement the bill. It is assumed the agency would require one Program Specialist II FTE to seek and administer the grant awards to law enforcement agencies. It is assumed such funding would be out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Account No. 116.

The salary and associated benefits for the Program Specialist II FTE are assumed to be \$51,200 and \$17,347, respectively. An additional \$1,500 per year is assumed for expenses associated with the position, including grant request materials, as well as travel and training costs. A one-time amount of \$500 in fiscal year 2016 is assumed to provide the new FTE with initial equipment.

Local Government Impact

The bill would have a positive fiscal impact to the degree any grant funds awarded would supplant local funds being used for the same purpose.

Source Agencies: 407 Commission on Law Enforcement

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