

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5955

As of February 20, 2015

Title: An act relating to reimbursing the criminal justice training commission for basic law enforcement training.

Brief Description: Reimbursing the criminal justice training commission for basic law enforcement training.

Sponsors: Senator Braun.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/24/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Travis Sugarman (786-7446)

Background: The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides basic law enforcement officer training that is generally required of all law enforcement officers, with the exception of volunteers and reserve officers. The training consists of a 720-hour program – 18 weeks – covering a wide variety of subjects including criminal law and procedures, criminal investigation, firearms training, traffic enforcement, crisis intervention, defensive tactics, and communication skills. Law enforcement personnel must begin basic law enforcement training within the first six months of employment unless otherwise waived by the CJTC.

The CJTC generally provides all the necessary training, facilities, supplies, and materials, and room and board for non-commuting attendees. However, during the last two biennia, local law enforcement agencies that employ a law enforcement officer have been required to reimburse the CJTC for 25 percent of the training costs.

Summary of Bill: Effective July 1, 2015, any county, city, or state law enforcement agency that employs, transfers, or promotes a law enforcement officer must reimburse the CJTC for the total costs relating to the basic law enforcement training for that particular officer.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2015