SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2043   **PRINTER'S NO.** 4084

AMOUNT   **FUND**

$69,000 to $99,000   General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED   **PRIME SPONSOR**

December 5, 2011   Representative Hahn

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Dec. 5, 2011
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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 2043 amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), Section 2164 relating to the powers and duties of the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission as follows:

(1)   Requires the commission to grant waivers for portions of mandatory basic training to Federal law enforcement officers and military police officers who have successfully completed previous equivalent training. It also provides that Federal law enforcement officers and military police officers are required to fulfill basic police training requirements and meet minimum standards for certification.

(2)   Requires the commission to assess, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department of Health and other State, local and community organizations, the training needs of police officers on recognizing and interacting with veterans and other individuals suffering from traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder and requires the commission to develop a training course for police officers, if it determines there is a need for such a program.

(3)   Requires the commission to suspend or revoke the certification of a police officer or the approval of an instructor for a violation of provisions related to administration of the program. Requires a hearing examiner appointed by the commission to recommend whether the certification of a police officer or the approval of an instructor should be suspended or revoked. In the case of a suspension, the hearing examiner shall recommend a period of suspension. If the commission suspends the certification of the police officer or the approval of an instructor, the police officer or instructor may reapply for certification or approval no sooner than one year after the date of the suspension. Provides that a police officer whose certification was revoked prior to the effective date of this paragraph may apply to the commission for reinstatement. Requires the commission to develop standards to determine whether certification should be reinstated.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The administrative responsibilities delegated to the commission to determine eligibility for waivers for Federal law enforcement officers and military police officers is routine to the commission's scope of work and will have no fiscal impact.

The due process provisions included in the bill related to revocation of suspension of the certification of a police officer or the approval of an instructor for a violation of provisions related to administration of the program are similar to disciplinary procedures already in place within the State Police and can be accomplished at no additional cost.

The commission believes it will incur costs between $69,000 and $99,000 to develop a program to train police officers to recognize veterans and other individuals suffering from traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder. The costs are based on past experience in development of online training programs that contain three hours of course content.