BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 187 By: Madla Intergovernmental Relations 2-5-97 Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, law mandates that the comptroller deposit in the law enforcement officer standards and education account expenses related to continuing education. At present, there is no report due date of necessary information coming from the local law enforcement agencies to the comptroller. This bill provides a due date to allow for an accurate and timely allocation of money to participating agencies and ease in the administration of this task. This bill also eliminates audits that cities and counties must send to the comptroller, which will save time and money.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 187 requires a law enforcement agency to report the number of positions in that agency each January 1.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 415.0845, Government Code, to provide that 80 percent of the money allocated to all local law enforcement agencies in the state in a share representing a fixed amount for each position in the agency that is reserved to a person who is compensated by a political subdivision of the state, rather than the state, and is entitled to all employee benefits offered to a peace officer by the political subdivision, rather than the state or political subdivision. Requires local law enforcement agencies, no later than November 1 of each year, to report to the comptroller the number of positions in that agency as of January 1 of that year. Deletes the requirement that a county or municipality conduct an audit of the law enforcement agency and send the results to the comptroller no later than 90 days after the audit is complete. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act retroactive to the end of calendar year 1996.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends SECTION 1, Section 415.0845, Government Code, to relieve the state of liability for compensating officers regarding money allocated for continuing education.

Adds SECTION 2, to make application of this Act retroactive to the end of calendar year 1996.