

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 323  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

During the interim of the 74th Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor charged the Senate State Affairs Committee to review the effectiveness of the transfer of administrative hearings from individual state agencies to the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Review of the creation of the agency and its current structure revealed a need to address training requirements for future administrative law judges. There are no uniform requirements for these positions, resulting in a variance of professional qualifications for administrative law judges. C.S.S.B. 323 outlines provisions relating to judicial training and continued education for administrative law judges of the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 323 outlines provisions relating to judicial training and continued education for administrative law judges of the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **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 Chapter 2003C, Government Code, by adding Section 2003.0451, as follows:

Sec. 2003.0451. TRAINING. Sets forth the training requirements and provisions the State Office of Administrative Hearings (office) is required to provide to each new administrative law judge. Sets forth areas the training is authorized to include. Provides that Subsection (a) does not apply to a temporary administrative law judge.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends proposed relating clause.

SECTION 1.

Amends Chapter 2003C, Government Code, by adding Section 2003.0451, regarding training requirements for administrative law judges.

SECTION 2.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3.

Amends the effective date to September 1, 1997 for this Act.