

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1806
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DIGEST

Currently, municipalities are not required to provide counseling services to public safety employees who have been exposed to an emergency scene or incident involving the death or serious injury of another person to whom the public employee is providing service in the performance of the employee's official duties. C.S.S.B. 1806 would establish provisions regarding critical incident stress debriefings of public safety employees.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1806 establishes provisions regarding critical incident stress debriefings of public safety employees.

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 180, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection 180.004, to define "public safety employee," and "Critical Incident Stress Management." Requires a municipality to provide counseling services by trained Critical Incident Stress personnel to an employee, upon request by an affected public safety employee, if the employee is exposed to an emergency scene or incident involving the death or serious injury of another person to whom the public safety employee is providing service in the performance of the employee's official duties.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Subsection 180.004, Local Government Code, by adding a new Subsection (b), to define "Critical Incident Stress Management." Requires certain counseling services to be provided by trained Critical Incident Stress personnel. Redesignates proposed Subsection (b) as proposed Subsection (c).