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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/18/11

SPONSOR Sanchez, B. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Emergency Service Training Appropriation SB 315

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	\$20.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 315 (SB 315) appropriates \$20 thousand from the General Fund to the crisis response program 722 of the DMA in FY12 for Civil Air Patrol (CAP) emergency services training.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$20 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY12 shall revert to the general fund.

DMA's FY12 appropriation request includes \$50 thousand to support the CAP proficiency flying program which allows CAP pilots to log flight hours to remain or reacquire proficiency while assisting with unfunded state mission, such as patrols over reservoirs and lakes in support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary or other agencies. The LFC appropriation request for the Department in FY12 supports this request.

In FY12, DMA reports it is funding the Civil Air Patrol in the amount of \$121.6 thousand for operational expenses, \$50 thousand for proficiency flying and \$60 thousand for the Drug Demand Reduction Program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Military Affairs eliminated Program 722. The appropriation should be directed to Program P721.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Military Affairs does not support this bill.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Emergency Services (ES) is one of the three fundamental missions of Civil Air Patrol. Emergency Services is divided into several departments. Operations is the parent command to ES, serving as the operations arm of the commander. Subordinate departments include Counterdrug, Homeland Security, Search and Rescue, and Disaster Relief.

ES trains the members for operation as aircrew, ground team, flight line operations, and mission staff. Qualifications are earned as a 'specialty', which typically lasts for three years. Each specialty has a listing of criteria that is required to initially qualify, as well as continuing experience in order to renew or remain current.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the bill is not passed, the Civil Air Patrol will continue to train for emergency services training.

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