

## **SB 41 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/3

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides that certification of employee of State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision will not lapse if employee annually completes at least 20 hours of approved continuing education and certification has not been suspended or revoked. Specifies that certain categories of certified employees of State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision remain full-time public safety officers subject to suspension and revocation of certification by Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

*Fiscal Impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued*

*Revenue Impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) issues certifications for public safety professions such as police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and probation officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator, and emergency medical dispatcher. Under current law, if a person who holds one of these certifications is not directly working in the profession for which they are certified, that person's certification will lapse after three months.

According to the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, a person certified by DPSST who is hired by the Board is subject to this lapse in certification, which may deter experienced public safety professionals from seeking employment with the Board. Senate Bill 41 removes the lapse in certification on the condition that employees of the Board complete at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by DPSST each year. It also specifies that employees of the Board will remain classified as full-time public safety officers whose certifications may be revoked or suspended by DPSST.

Senate Bill 41 prohibits the certifications of individuals who are employed by the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision from lapsing if the employee annually completes at least 20 hours of approved continuing education. It specifies that employees of the Board remain classified as full-time public safety officers subject to suspension and revocation of their certifications by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.