Chapter 843

S.B. No. 582

1	AN ACT
2	relating to training courses for certain food handlers.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 438.046, Health and Safety Code, is
5	amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:
6	(b-1) A food service worker trained in a food handler
7	training course accredited by the American National Standards
8	Institute is considered to have met a local health jurisdiction's
9	training, testing, and permitting requirements. A local health
10	jurisdiction may require a food establishment, as that term is
11	defined by Section 438.101, to maintain on the premises of the food
12	establishment a certificate of completion of the training course
13	for employees of the food establishment.
14	SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15	a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16	provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17	Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18	Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

S.B. No. 582

of the Senate

ereby certify that S.B. No 82 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0._

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 582 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, two present not voting._

Chief Clerk of

Approved:

Date

Date

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE _O'CLOCK

Secretary of State

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2015

TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB582 by Kolkhorst (Relating to training courses for certain food handlers.), Committee

Report 2nd House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require a food handler training course accredited by the American Nation Standards Institute to meet a local health jurisdiction's training, testing, and permitting requirements. The bill would permit a local health jurisdiction to require a food establishment to maintain a certificate of completion on the training for the employees on the premises of the food establishment.

Local Government Impact

There could be loss of revenue if local health jurisdictions are unable to charge administration fees for the registration of American National Standards Institute courses. The revenue loss of the entity would vary depending on the fee amount, the number of individuals registering and the size of the local health jurisdiction. Based on the factors above, the bill could have significant fiscal impact on local governmental entities.

According to the Texas Association of City and County Health Officials (TACCHO), if local health districts are unable to recover administration costs, an estimated loss to ten local health districts would be \$1.5 million. These districts include Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services, Angelina County and Cities Health District, Bell County Public Health District, City of El Paso Health District, Grayson County Health Department, Laredo Health Department, Northeast Texas Public Health District, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District, and Williamson County and Cities Health District.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, NB, SD, EK

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 1, 2015

TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB582 by Kolkhorst (Relating to education and training programs for food handlers;

eliminating the authority of a local health jurisdiction to require certain fees.), As

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No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to permit required education and training programs for certain food handlers to include programs accredited by the American National Standards Institute. The bill would permit the state, a county or a public health district to impose training course requirements in a location regulated by the entity, but prohibit the Department of State Health Services from adopting a similar policy. The bill would specify a worker trained in a course offered by a local health jurisdiction is considered to have met the requirements as to food service performed in that jurisdiction only. The bill would prohibit a local health jurisdiction from charging a fee for a certificate issued to a worker trained by an accredited course.

Local Government Impact

A local health entity would be prohibited from charging a fee for the issuance of a certificate to a food handler trained by an accredited course. The loss in fees would impact the revenue of the entity; the revenue loss of the entity would vary depending on the fee amount for each certificate, the number of applicants for the certificate and the size of the local health jurisdiction. Based on the factors above, the bill could have significant fiscal impact on local governmental entities.

The Texas Association of City and County Health Officials (TACCHO) estimated an average administrative cost of \$6-\$10 for a food handler certificate per year. TACCHO provided information based on a survey of local health departments who reported the bill would have significant fiscal impact on several local entities.

According to TACCHO, Austin Travis County Health and Human Services Department estimated a loss of \$568,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015.

According to TACCHO, Northeast Texas Public Health District reported an estimated loss of \$23,115 per year.

According to TACCHO, Grayson County Health Department reported an estimated revenue loss of \$66,000 per year.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, NB, EK

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2015

TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB582 by Kolkhorst (relating to education and training programs for food handlers; eliminating the authority of a local health jurisdiction to require certain fees.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

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Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, NB, EK

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 17, 2015

TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB582 by Kolkhorst (Relating to education and training programs for food handlers; eliminating the authority of a local health jurisdiction to require certain fees.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to permit required education and training programs for certain food handlers to include programs accredited by the American National Standards. The bill would prohibit a local health jurisdiction from charging a fee for a certificate issued to a worker trained by an accredited course.

Local Government Impact

A local health entity would be prohibited from charging a fee for the issuance of a certificate to a food service worker. The loss in fees would impact the revenue of the entity; the revenue loss of the entity would vary depending on the fee amount for each certificate, the number of applicants for the certificate and the size of the local health jurisdiction. The bill could impact the amount of enrollees in a local entity's training course(s), causing a loss in revenue to the entity. Based on both of the factors noted above, the bill could have significant fiscal impact on local governmental entities.

The Texas Association of City and County Health Officials (TACCHO) provided information based on a survey of local health departments who reported the bill would have significant fiscal impact on several local entities.

Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District reported an estimated loss of \$177,576 associated with food handler card fees in fiscal year (FY) 2016.

Houston Department of Health and Human Services reported an estimated loss of \$250,000 as a result of the provisions of the bill.

City of Laredo Health Department reported a potential loss of \$109,495 from food safety classes in FY 2016.

Bell County Public Health District reported a potential loss of \$180,000 from food handler classes in FY 2016.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

LBB Staff: UP, NB, SD, EK