



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 302

Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs, and Sponsor: Senator Sam Givhan
Public Safety

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Senate Bill 302 as introduced would authorize Marion Military Institute (MMI) to establish a new associate degree program incorporating the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission's basic training curriculum required for certification as a law enforcement officer. This would increase the obligations of MMI by an undetermined amount to update existing curriculum, hire additional institutional personnel for the new program, and to issue a Provisional Alabama Law Enforcement Officer Certification upon graduation to each individual completing the program which could be offset, in part or in whole, by the tuition and fees charged by MMI upon students enrolling in the program.

In addition, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOST) to; (1) recognize MMI as an Alabama law enforcement training academy; (2) adopt rules, in conjunction with MMI, to implement and administer the program; and (3) adopt rules to implement and administer the provisional certification process.

Lastly, this bill could decrease future basic academy training costs paid by law enforcement agencies for individuals attending other APOST law enforcement training academies, by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of MMI cadets that complete the program and are hired on a full-time basis as a fully certified law enforcement officer.