Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 236 of the 131st G.A.　　　**Date**: December 3, 2015

Status: As Reported by House Commerce and Labor　　**Sponsor**: Reps. Blessing and Landis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To require professional engineers and surveyors to complete continuing professional development hours in ethics

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may result in a negligible increase in the administrative burden of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, which will need to include the bill's ethics professional development requirements in its audits.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Continuing law requires professional engineers and surveyors to complete 30 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) in each biennium. The bill requires that two of those hours be on professional ethics or rules relevant to the practice of engineering or surveying. Continuing law also permits up to 15 hours of CPD completed in excess of the required 30 hours to be carried forward to help meet the 30-hour requirement for the next biennium. The bill permits up to two hours of ethics CPD to be included in those 15 hours to meet the bill's requirements for the following biennium. For example, if a professional engineer completed four hours on an ethics topic in one biennium then the professional engineer would not be required to complete any ethics hours in the subsequent biennium.

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (ENG) conducts audits to ensure that professional engineers and surveyors are completing the required number of CPD hours each biennium, with the goal of auditing 5% of registrants. As a result of the bill, ENG will be required to ensure that professional engineers are meeting the ethics requirement as part of its CPD audits. This requirement may result in a negligible increase in ENG's administrative burden.

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