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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2.1.25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 173 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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Short Title: <u>Telecommunicators as Police in PERA</u>	Number: <u>Management-79500</u>
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 173 amends the Public Employees Retirement Act to include public safety telecommunicators in the definitions of “municipal police member” and “state police member” for the purposes of retirement benefits. Under this bill, public safety telecommunicators employed by either the state or another public employer, other than the state, would be reclassified as police members under PERA, and therein grant them eligibility for the retirement benefits associated with those classifications.

SB 173 also establishes temporary provisions requiring the PERA Board to conduct elections by December 30, 2025, to determine whether municipal police members will adopt municipal police member coverage plan 5 and whether state police members will adopt state public safety member coverage plan 1. These elections will be conducted in accordance with procedures set by the PERA Board, and the results must be certified to the Secretary of State by January 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

By reclassifying public safety telecommunicators as police members under PERA, the bill has the potential to impact retirement benefits, contribution rates, and the long-term financial obligations of the retirement system.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

See above.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

See above.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The administrative process of conducting elections and certifying results will require some level of coordination and oversight by the PERA Board.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

NA

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None highlighted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NA

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Public safety telecommunicators employed by the State or another public entity will remain excluded from the section of PERA designated for municipal police members or state police members.

AMENDMENTS