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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodella DATE TYPED 1/28/05 HB 450

SHORT TITLE Computer-assisted Police Dispatch Systems SB _____

ANALYST Peery

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$400.0			Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

No Response

Information Technology Commission (ITC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 450 appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund to Department of Public Safety for the purpose of expanding the use of Computer-Assisted Dispatch (CAD) systems in state police vehicles.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DPS reports not all field officers have the same access to this technology reducing their potential effectiveness in supporting the Department's incentives.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The proposed legislation refers to Computer-Assisted Dispatch system; however, the correct name for the technology is Computer-Aided Dispatch system.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DPS reports they have invested \$4.4 million in the Computer-Aided Dispatch project. The Department has concerns regarding unfunded recurring program maintenance costs such as licensing, satellite fees and proper replacement cycle for the field mobile laptops. DPS states a fully funded replacement cycle is critical to continued operations.

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