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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5441 (as amended by House "A")\***

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEES TO ENROLL IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CREATING A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows regional emergency telecommunications center employees to participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) if they work in any Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)-authorized public safety answering point (PSAP) that processes 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities. Current law limits MERS participation to employees in PSAPs that DESPP designated as the primary point of reception for processing 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities.

\*House Amendment "A" deletes provisions in the original bill (File 355) that create the Public Employee Health Plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 3 (03/19/2013)

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 7 (04/17/2013)