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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6448
BILL NUMBER: SB 476

DATE PREPARED: Nov 20, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Limitations on governmental immunity for emergency communication systems.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that a governmental entity is not immune for the intentional, reckless, or grossly negligent operation, maintenance, or use of an emergency communication system, including a 911 emergency telephone system.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would increase the exposure of city and county governments who operate an enhanced emergency communication system to civil liability. The bill will allow parties to recover damages in a tort action which could increase the damage awards that local governments would have to pay. Damage awards cannot exceed \$300,000 for the injury to, or death of, one person in any one occurrence and \$5 million for the injury to, or death of, all persons in that occurrence.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: City or county governments who operate an enhanced emergency communication system.

Information Sources: