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## **CS SENATE BILL NO. 52 (L&C)**

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On Monday, April 22, Senator Kiehl asked a question regarding the education requirements in Senate Bill 52. Please find the response from my office below.

**Question: Is there a current or new requirement that municipalities engage in education, or do they just need to report whether or not they did education?**

- The language regarding AMCO/ABC Board taking the lead on Title 4 education is referenced in section 2 (04.06.075) with the director having to make a budget including education activities, and Section 6 new 04.06.090(f) defining the board's role in relation to other entities and making a plan for education. It says that the board will educate local governments about Title 4 and related laws and regulations, but does not require municipalities to do education themselves.
- The reporting language in current 04.11.610 only addresses enforcement, and the language in SB 52 doesn't require that municipalities do education but does require reporting whether they did. The intent here regarding education includes making sure licensees understand and can comply with the laws for their licenses, so "education" in this sense would be about that – it doesn't contemplate or assume that local governments would, for example, start offering their own server training or develop a public education curriculum about alcohol generally. (Although that would fit in this general section, so it doesn't preclude them from being proactive in that sense).
- As our office understands it, municipalities are provided the attached form, developed by the board several years ago, and per current statute it only asks for violations. It does have an open-ended response question asking about "prevention activities," so it contemplates that a municipality could do other things besides issue violations, but this isn't a requirement.
- Ultimately, the details of what municipalities would be required to report would be determined by the board in a new template or form like the one attached.
- Also attached is the white paper describing the current issue, which also provides more information about current law (and current practice as of 2014).