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TO: Honorable Bill Ratliff, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1875 by Ratliff (Relating to the application of the open meetings law and the public information law to deliberations and information regarding the safety, security, or integrity of public wholesale water and sewerage supplies and public water and sewerage systems.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill adds Sections 551.0761, 552.103, and 552.147 to the Government Code by adding a new exception to required public disclosure for information relating to an assessment by or for a governmental body of the vulnerability of its public water or sewerage system to a terrorist or other intentional attack intended to substantially disrupt the ability of the system to provide safe water or sewerage service. The bill would require a taped recording of the proceedings of each closed meeting.

The Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members of each house; otherwise it takes effect on September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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