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**TO:** Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB976** by Madden (Relating to allowing the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to deliberate in a closed meeting regarding business and financial considerations of a contract being negotiated.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would provide an exemption to the Open Meetings Act for the Texas Building and Procurement Commission and would allow the agency to deliberate business and financial issues relating to the negotiation of contracts in a closed meeting.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that as a result of modifying the Open Meetings Act, a number of attorney general opinion requests would result. However, it is anticipated that any additional legal work performed by the agency could be absorbed into current appropriations.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 303 Building and Procurement Commission

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