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TO: Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB1165 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the employment of county traffic officers by certain counties.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would remove the limitation on how many county sheriffs may be assigned as county traffic officers or as county traffic officers to aid regular officers in special emergencies in a county with a population of more than two million. The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

Under current statute, all counties are limited to no more than five county sheriffs to be designated as traffic officers and no more than two officers to serve as traffic officers to aid in special emergencies.

Local Government Impact

Based on the 2000 federal census, the bill would apply only to Dallas County and to Harris County. If, under the proposed statute, Dallas and Harris counties were to choose to designate more officers as traffic officers than currently authorized, it is assumed that those counties would either reallocate existing resources or employ additional officers, depending on budget availability.

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

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