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**TO:** Honorable Robert Talton, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB1820** by Otto (Relating to the requirements for reporting certain information to the attorney general or the legislature. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Local Government Code and the Tax Code to change the requirement that police department chiefs or fire department chiefs must file certain reports with the attorney general to instead requiring the reports be filed with the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives.

The bill would also amend Chapter 2111, Government Code, to change requirements that state agencies must file an annual report with the attorney general regarding each technological innovation developed by the agency that has potential commercial application, is proprietary, or could be protected under intellectual property laws. Instead of submitting an annual report to the attorney general, state agencies would be required to submit the report to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives, and the report would only be required if an applicable technological innovation had been developed in the preceding calendar year or before then but had not yet been reported to the attorney general.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

The savings from reduced administrative responsibilities for the attorney general, other state agencies, and local police and fire departments would be insignificant.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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