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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB3090 by Jones, Delwin (Relating to authority to conduct a closed meeting to discuss certain personnel matters involving a municipal advisory body.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to authorize a governing body of a municipality to conduct certain business in a closed meeting. 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.

Under current statute, a county commissioners court is authorized to conduct certain business in a closed meeting. The bill would extend that authorization for the same purposes to municipalities.

The Office of Attorney General estimates that changes to the Open Meetings Act generally results in a temporary increase in requests for opinions; however, the agency anticipates the additional requests could be handled within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

A municipality would experience a slight savings by not having to follow procedures associated with conducting an open meeting in those circumstances permitted by provisions of the bill.

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

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