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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: SB326 by Zaffirini (Relating to using the Internet to obtain identifying information of another person for a fraudulent purpose; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Title 4, Business & Commerce Code by adding Chapter 48, which would prohibit electronic mail fraud and the creation of an internet website or domain name for fraudulent purposes. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

The proposed legislation may result in new complaints, investigations or cases by the Office of the Attorney General; however, it is projected that this increase can be absorbed by current resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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