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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB604 by Ellis (Relating to a qualified privilege of a journalist not to testify.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide a journalist with a qualified privilege not to testify in a court proceeding and not to be forced to reveal his or her sources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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