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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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide that a journalist with a qualified privilege, not to be required to disclose in an official proceeding, any confidential or nonconfidential information.

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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