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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB1572 by Woolley (Relating to an exception from civil discovery for certain records of a law enforcement agency.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to an exception from civil discovery for certain records of a law enforcement agency. The bill would direct a court to exclude a nonparty law enforcement agency from providing information, records, documents or other evidence in response to discovery unless a court has found the requested materials are relevant in a judicial proceeding under certain conditions. To the extent the bill would change court procedures regarding discovery, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

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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