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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: SB379 by Carona (Relating to an annual report by the Texas Fusion Center regarding criminal street gangs.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require that the Texas Fusion Center (Center) submit an annual report detailing criminal street gangs, their threat to border communities and other areas of the state, and recommendations for actions that may be taken to prevent and reduce gang-related crime. The report may not contain sensitive intelligence or any information that may jeopardize an ongoing investigation. The bill would require that the Center submit the report to the governor and the legislature no later than September 1, 2010. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, and if it does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

The bill requires the gang section of the Texas Fusion Center to annually submit to the governor and the legislature a report assessing the threat posed statewide by criminal street gangs and requires the report to include identification of law enforcement strategies.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports that the Bureau of Information Analysis (BIA) is presently compiling this information. The Center and the BIA are both housed at DPS; therefore the bill would pose no significant fiscal or operational impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

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

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