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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2977 by Hunter (Relating to electronic communications during a public meeting; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to prohibit the transmission of electronic communications by a member or a group of members of a governmental body during a public meeting, but would exclude the transmission of administrative or ministerial information related to an emergency. The bill would create a misdemeanor offense for a violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500; confinement in the county jail for not less than one month or more than six months; or both.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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