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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: SB602 by Rodriguez (Relating to confidential information under the public information law and to procedures and deadlines under the public information law in relation to the redaction of certain confidential information by a governmental body.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow governmental entities to redact certain personal information requested under the Public Information Act (PIA) without requiring a decision from the attorney general. Specific types of personal information referenced in the bill include: vehicle license data; vehicle registration data; personal identification data; and credit card, debit card, charge card, and access card numbers. The bill would clarify the determination of when a PIA request is officially received by an entity.

The bill would allow requestors receiving redacted information to seek an attorney general's decision. The Office of the Attorney General would establish procedures and deadlines for this appeal process and would be required to issue a decision on the requestor's appeal not later than the 45th business day after receiving the requestor's request for a decision.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011 and apply only to requests received on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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