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TO: Honorable Sid Miller, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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

IN RE: SB1572 by Watson (Relating to the operations and monitoring of fusion centers in this state.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create the Texas Fusion Center Policy Council. The bill includes guidelines and duties that would apply to Texas Fusion Center Policy Council. Following recommendations of the Texas Fusion Center Policy Council, the bill would require DPS to adopt rules to govern the operations of fusion centers in this state. The bill would require fusion centers to pay any costs associated with certain audits and prevent fusion centers from receiving state grant money if the center does not comply with certain guidelines required by rules to be adopted by DPS. Members of the policy council would not be entitled to compensation, but would be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses. The bill would require each fusion center to adopt a privacy policy.

The bill would take effect immediately upon a two-thirds vote of all the members in each house. Otherwise the bill would take effect September 1, 2011. This analysis assumes DPS could implement the provisions of the bill within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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