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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: SB1906 by Wentworth (Relating to certain notice requirements for municipalities and counties under the open meetings law.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to specify that notwithstanding Sections 551.041 and 551.042, a quorum of the governing body of a county may receive from staff of the political subdivision and a member of the governing body may make a report about items of community interest during a meeting without giving notice of the subject if no action is taken and possible action is not discussed regarding the information in the report.

The bill also would require a municipal governmental body to post notice of each meeting on a physical or an electronic bulletin board at a place convenient to the public in the city hall. The bill includes the definition of "electronic bulletin board" as a means of electronic communication system that a governmental body can post messages or notices viewable by the public.

Local Government Impact

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

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