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TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1179** by Geren (Relating to the duties of certain law enforcement officials under procedures regulating the making or transfer of firearms.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to create a new subchapter which would create a certification process to comply with Title 27, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 479, which relates to machine guns, destructive devices, and certain other weapons.

The Department of Public Safety and the Office of Court Administration have indicated that implementation of the bill's provisions could be absorbed within agency resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact may vary based on size and resources of local law enforcement departments. For example, the Mineral Wells Police Department reported significant costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. The department would require an additional staff member and new office space for total cost of \$101,619 for the first year. Approximately, \$57,533 would be required for staffing, training, and equipment each year thereafter. Revenue generated from fees associated with certification would be insignificant.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405
Department of Public Safety

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