

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**April 8, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Kevin Eltife, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB335 by Taylor, Van (Relating to the right of officers of counties, county boards of school trustees, and county boards of education to obtain information, documents, and records.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to permit a county officer to access certain information from a county governmental body. The bill would establish a procedure of maintaining confidentiality of the information. Under the provisions of the bill, a county officer may seek a decision from the Attorney General whether information is confidential or excepted from disclosure. The Attorney General would be required to respond to the county by issuing a written decision within 45 days or within an extension of the 45 day period by 10 business days. A county officer or county governmental body may appeal the decision to a district court under certain conditions.

The Office of Court Administration reported no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 701 Central Education Agency

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