

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 23, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

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

**IN RE: HB4144** by Paddie (Relating to the applicability of the public information law.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Government Code to provide for a requestor to ask for a decision from the Attorney General as to whether an organization, corporation, commission, committee, institution, or agency that asserts it is not a governmental agency is in fact a governmental body if there has not been a previous determination on that question. The bill would extend to these certain other entities the ability to file suit to withhold information under certain circumstances.

The Office of the Attorney General anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Then bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General

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