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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB408 by Watson (Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 552 of the Government Code, regarding public information, to change the circumstances under which a part, section, or portion of a private entity, that receives or spends public funds or uses real or personal property owned or leased by the state or political subdivision of the state, is included within the definition of "governmental body" for purposes of the public information law. The bill also establishes that information maintained by a private entity that is considered to be a government body is subject to Chapter 552 of the Government Code, only to the extent to which the information relates to the private entity as a government body.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

The Office of the Attorney General anticipates that any legal work or technology fiscal implication resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current agency resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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