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TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: HB318 by Howard (Relating to the Internet broadcast of certain open meetings.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 551 of the Government Code to require certain agencies to broadcast open meetings live over the internet and make an archived broadcast available online for two years. The bill would apply to agencies within the executive or legislative branch that receive an annual appropriation of \$40 million or more in General Revenue, including transfers, and have 250 or more full-time equivalent employees. The bill would apply only to open meetings that take place on or after September 1, 2021.

Many large agencies currently comply with provisions of the bill that require video broadcasting and archiving of open meetings on the internet. It is assumed that most large agencies could implement requirements of the bill within existing resources. The Department of Agriculture indicates that costs associated with implement provisions of the bill would be significant.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 300 Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 303 Facilities Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 323 Teacher Retirement System, 405 Department of Public Safety, 454 Department of Insurance, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 551 Department of Agriculture, 580 Water Development Board, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 701 Texas Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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