

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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**IN RE: HB1700** by Hunter (Relating to public information in the possession, custody, or control of a current or former officer or employee of a governmental body; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would establish provisions related to the preservation and surrender of public information by a current or former employee of a governmental body who possesses public information and has not provided that information to the governmental body's public information officer. According to the Office of Court Administration and the Office of the Attorney General, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of the bill. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, counties could incur costs related to litigation against a current officer or employee; however, the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

**Source Agencies:**        212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of  
   the Attorney General, 320 Texas Workforce Commission

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