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

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2965 by Toth (Relating to changing the elements of an offense for certain open meetings requirements for a member of a governmental body.), **As Introduced**

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to change the elements of an offense for certain open meetings requirements concerning a member of a governmental body. The offense modified by this bill would be a misdemeanor.

Local Government Impact

An offense under the provisions of the bill would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, confinement in the county jail for not less than one month or more than six months; or both the fine and confinement. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

According to the Texas Municipal League, the bill would have no significant fiscal impact to cities.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill would have no significant fiscal impact to counties.

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