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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1247 by Creighton (Relating to the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code relating to the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983.

The bill would define the term "investigative file" as any documentary materials or information collected, assembled, or maintained by or on behalf of the attorney general with respect to an investigation or litigation conducted under this chapter. The term includes interagency or intra-agency communications or memoranda, notes, reports, products of discovery, records of internal or external meetings, civil investigative demands (CIDs), and other documents and communications with the attorney general that are relevant to the investigation or litigation.

The bill would designate the Office of the Attorney General's investigative file as confidential and therefore, not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act, and provides that information obtained through CID may only be made available for inspection in certain circumstances.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, any additional work resulting from the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

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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