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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB986 by Bettencourt (Relating to procedures under the public information law, including expedited responses and charges for bad faith requests.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to create an expedited process for government entities to respond to public information requests and allow the Office of the Attorney General to impose penalties for bad faith requests.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

It is also assumed that any revenues generated as a result of the provisions of the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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