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Bill Analysis

SB 1579 authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to assign personnel to collect information on individuals suspected of involvement in terrorism, threats to public safety, organized crime, criminal conspiracies, or any other threats of violent crime. Such personnel may analyze and disseminate the collected information to other law enforcement and public safety agencies as well as coordinate with other law enforcement agencies. The Commissioner is further authorized to assign attorneys of the Department of Public Safety to support such criminal analysis and investigative functions. Unless the Commissioner authorizes such action, release of information gathered in this manner is prohibited. The Commissioner may authorize the release of such information if he or she determines it necessary to do so in the interest of public safety or crime prevention. Any person found to have released this information without such authorization shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 1 year and/or a fine of up to \$50,000.00.

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