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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB503 by Dutton (Relating to a proceeding to vacate an order of paternity or child support.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create a mechanism whereby a child support obligor could petition a court for restitution for all child support paid if the order relative to such child support is vacated. The order would be vacated if the petitioner is not the adoptive father, did not consent to assisted reproduction by his wife, and is not rebuttably the child's father based upon genetic testing. The bill would enumerate findings upon which a court has the discretion to vacate an order of child support. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) indicates that minor automated system modifications may be needed. Further, if a child support order is void to the start date, state-retained collections must be returned to the obligor. The OAG indicates that any increased workload could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office Of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office Of The Attorney General

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