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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: HB729 by Goodman (Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Parentage Act regarding gestational agreements.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide for gestational agreements. A gestational agreement is an agreement between a woman and the intended parents of a child in which the woman relinquishes all rights as a parent of a child conceived by assisted reproduction. The agreement is between the following parties: the prospective mother, her husband if she is married, each donor, and the intended parents. The bill would require that the intended parents be married. The bill requires the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to develop and implement a confidential reporting system to track assisted reproduction procedures under gestational agreements. TDH indicates minimal costs associated with such a system which could be reasonably absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 501 Department of Health

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