

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB1815** by Goodman (Relating to court-ordered representation in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would provide for court-ordered representation in suits affecting the parent-child relationship. Attorney fees for such representation are paid by the parents of the child or, if the parents are indigent, the county. The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services indicates that training costs, resulting from the passage of this bill, could be reasonably absorbed within current 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, 501 Department of Health, 530 Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

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