

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1869** by Baxter (Relating to the admission of certain video testimony into evidence in a proceeding regarding the abuse or neglect of a child.), **As Passed 2nd House**

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

Relative to proceedings brought by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) concerning a child who is alleged to have been abused or neglected, the bill would authorize a court to order the testimony of a professional be taken outside of the courtroom and recorded on videotape provided that certain safeguards are met. PRS indicates no significant fiscal impact.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 530 Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

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