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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: HB1903 by Farrar (Relating to testimony regarding parental alienation syndrome in a suit regarding the conservatorship of, or the possession of or access to, a child.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize a court to allow testimony regarding parental alienation syndrome in a suit regarding the conservatorship of or possession of or access to a child in the following circumstances:

(1) the syndrome is recognized as a valid medical or psychiatric condition in the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association and

(2) is admissible as testimony of expert witnesses under the Rules of Evidence.

The proposal would not have fiscal implications for the state.

Local Government Impact

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

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