

**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: HB2344** by Moreno, Joe E. (Relating to certain fees in Title IV-D cases.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would change the amount of a fee for service of process from a fixed-dollar fee (\$45) to a fee set by each county's commissioners court.

Under current law, the federal government reimburses the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division (CSD) for 66% of its expenditures. The CSD passes through 66% of the cost for service of process to the county, and the county pays the remaining 34% of the cost. The proposal would have no significant fiscal impact to the CSD.

**Local Government Impact**

Counties could see either a revenue gain or loss, depending upon the fee for process serving set by the commissioners court of each county.

Harris County reported that implementing the provisions of the bill would have no significant fiscal impact to its budget.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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