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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1424 by Nelson (Relating to certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship of, certain records regarding, and foster care payments for certain children.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide for several changes relative to the functions of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS). The bill would change and clarify reporting requirements. The bill would make several procedural changes relative to expedited proceedings. The bill would authorize PRS, subject to the availability of funds, to adopt rules that establish guidelines for payment of foster care for a medically fragile child after the age of eighteen (18). PRS indicates that the reporting and procedural changes can be absorbed within existing resources. The new population, medically fragile children over eighteen (18) but less than twenty-two (22) years of age, would only be served upon availability of funds.

The bill also would add the Bureau of Vital Statistics to those entities that must provide a child's report of alleged or suspected abuse to certain persons, upon request. The Department of Health indicates no significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No 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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