

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB252** by Goodman (Relating to the use of parenting plans and parenting coordinators in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would create another method of alternative dispute resolution in suits affecting the parent-child relationship. Specifically, the bill would enable courts to call on "parenting coordinators" to assist parties in resolving issues related to parenting so that the courts would have fewer disputed issues to address. Language in the bill states that public funds may not be used to pay the fees of a parenting coordinator; therefore the bill would have no fiscal impact on the State.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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