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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2331 by Morrison (Relating to the emergency possession of certain abandoned children; providing a penalty.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends the Family Code to remove the requirement of the Department of Family Protective Services from attempting to ascertain the identity of or locate the parent or relatives of a child who was delivered to a designated emergency infant care provider, unless it appears that the child has been abused or neglected. Before filing a petition to terminate parental rights, the Department would be required to verify that the child is not a missing child and must obtain a certificate of the search of a paternity registry.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 530 Department of Family and Protective Services

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