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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: HB3135 by Castro (Relating to the release of certain information held by the Title IV-D agency in connection with child support services provided by the agency.), **As Introduced**

The bill relates to the release of certain information held by the Title IV-D agency in connection with child support services provided by the agency. The bill adds subsection which would require that on written request by a person appointed as a conservator of a child, the Title IV-D agency shall release to that person any information from the agency's files and records regarding the home address and place of employment of each conservator of the child. This subsection does not require the release of information if prohibited by a court order rendered in accordance with Section 105.006(c)."

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) must maintain an approved State Plan demonstrating the agency's compliance with federal laws and regulations in order to receive federal funds from the Office of Child Support Enforcement. The bill requires the OAG's Child Support Division to release information in violation of federal confidentiality laws, which could jeopardize the State's IV-D (Child Support) and IV-A (TANF) funding. During the 2006-07 biennium, the OAG expects to receive \$414 million in federal matching funds and performance incentives that could be impacted by this provision.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General

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