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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB1410 by Lucio (Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a local administrative judge to maintain a list of all attorneys qualified to serve as an attorney ad litem. Additionally, the bill would generally require a court to appoint attorneys as attorneys ad litem from the list in a specified order, unless the attorney possesses relevant specialized education, training, certification, or skill and the appointment is made in pursuant to the Family Code, Health and Safety Code, or Human Resources Code.

Local Government Impact

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

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