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

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

IN RE: HB1481 by Castro (Relating to standing for certain individuals to file a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow an adult sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle of a child to file an original suit or a suit for modification requesting managing conservatorship of the child not later than the 90th day after the date the parent-child relationship is terminated in a case filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The bill would also amend Chapter 263, Family Code, to establish a list of rights to which each child in substitute care is entitled. It would require the Department of Family and Protective Services to inform children of their rights. The agency indicates that it could absorb the costs associated with the bill within its current resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. If the bill does not receive the necessary votes it takes effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

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