

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 20, 2007**

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

**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 Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would allow an adult sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle of a child to file suit requesting managing conservatorship of the child not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the termination of the parent-child relationship if the Department of Family and Protective Services failed to notify them of the department's suit requesting the termination of the parent-child relationship.

The department expects these notifications to be in the form of certified letters and anticipates the additional expense of handling, preparing and sending these notifications could be absorbed within existing 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.

**Source Agencies:** 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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