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

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

IN RE: SB431 by Harris (Relating to the authority of an associate judge in certain family law proceedings.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the authority of an associate judge in certain family law proceedings. The bill would allow parties to a proceeding to waive the making of a record, with the consent of the associate judge, and would direct that a court reporter be provided in contested final termination hearings. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

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