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TO: Honorable Will Hartnett, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

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

IN RE: SB706 by Lucio (Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem.), **Committee Report**
2nd 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 complexity of the case requires the attorney possesses relevant specialized education, training, certification, or skill; the appointment is made pursuant to the Family Code, Health and Safety Code, Human Resources Code, Texas Trust Code, or Texas Probate Code; or the appointment is agreed upon by the parties and approved by the court.

Local Government Impact

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

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