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S.B. No. 56

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the preparation of a child impact statement for a bill or joint resolution considered by the legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 319, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 319. MISCELLANEOUS IMPACT STATEMENTS [~~LEGISLATION REGARDING JUDICIAL SYSTEM~~]

SECTION 2. Chapter 319, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter A to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. LEGISLATION AFFECTING CHILDREN

Sec. 319.001. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "joint resolution" means a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment.

Sec. 319.002. CHILD IMPACT STATEMENTS. (a) The Legislative Budget Board shall prepare a child impact statement for each bill or joint resolution other than an appropriations bill.

(b) The child impact statement must contain the information specified by Subsection (c) and any additional information specified by a rule or resolution adopted by either house of the legislature.

(c) The child impact statement shall state whether:

(1) children's emotional, physical, intellectual, and financial needs and access to resources will be affected by the

1 proposed bill or joint resolution;

2 (2) specific groups of children will be impacted more
3 than others by the proposed bill or joint resolution; and

4 (3) the proposed bill or joint resolution will have an
5 impact on the ability of parents and caregivers to ensure
6 children's emotional, physical, intellectual, and financial
7 well-being.

8 Sec. 319.003. ASSISTANCE BY OTHER AGENCIES. Each board,
9 commission, office, or other agency in the executive or legislative
10 branch of state government shall provide the Legislative Budget
11 Board with any assistance or information the Legislative Budget
12 Board requests in preparing a child impact statement.

13 Sec. 319.004. ATTACHMENT TO BILL OR RESOLUTION. (a) The
14 child impact statement must be attached to the bill or joint
15 resolution before a committee hearing on the bill or joint
16 resolution may be conducted.

17 (b) The child impact statement must be attached to the
18 committee report of the bill or joint resolution and to all
19 subsequent printings.

20 (c) The child impact statement must remain with the bill or
21 joint resolution throughout the legislative process, including on
22 submission to the governor.

23 SECTION 3. Section 319.021, Government Code, is designated
24 as Subchapter B, Chapter 319, Government Code, and a heading to that
25 subchapter is added to read as follows:

26 SUBCHAPTER B. LEGISLATION REGARDING JUDICIAL SYSTEM

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.