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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB2797 by Bolton (Relating to family violence and protective orders.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to family violence and protective orders. The bill would authorize a state court to enforce a protective order rendered by another court if it has jurisdiction over protective orders. The bill would also allow a court to recess an ex parte hearing on a protective order in order to contact the respondent, and require that the court resume the hearing before the end of the work day. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures in family law cases, no significant increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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