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TO: Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

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

IN RE: SB1051 by Uresti (Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would grant up to 60 hours per year of time off from work without reduction in pay or leave to state employees who volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. Court Appointed Special Advocates is an organization that trains and organizes volunteers who are appointed by judges to oversee and advocate for abused and neglected children as they move through the legal and social service systems.

The bill would result in lost productive time at work for the employees who participate in the volunteer program. Lost productive time is not a direct fiscal impact to the state. If one percent or 1,455 state employees participated in the program and used the maximum of 60 hours of leave per year then the state would pay \$2.3 million dollars in salary to employees for time away from work.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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