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

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

IN RE: SB1369 by Lucio (Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a local administrative judge to maintain a list of all attorneys registered and 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 attorney possesses relevant specialized education, training, certification, or skill and the appointment is made pursuant to the Family Code, Health and Safety Code, Human Resources Code, Texas Trust Code (Subtitle B, Title 9, Property Code), or Texas Probate Code, or 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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