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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: HB253 by Hilderbran (Relating to the protection of children by ensuring reports of abuse or neglect, protecting children from abuse and neglect, ensuring that births are reported, and prosecuting the offense of bigamy; providing criminal penalties.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Penal Code to add bigamy with a minor to the list of offenses and limitations periods provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure. The committee substitute would amend the Family Code regarding preventing or eliminating the need to remove a child from the child's home and who may reside with a child who is in danger of abuse or neglect, or has been removed from his or her home. The committee substitute would amend the Health and Safety Code to create a Class A misdemeanor for failure to file a birth certificate, as listed under Section 192.003, Health and Safety Code.

To the extent the bill would amend court procedures relating to child protection cases, no increase in judicial workloads, or significant fiscal implication to DFPS is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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