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TO: Honorable Jim Jackson, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB435 by Parker (Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship that involve an alleged father who has not registered with the paternity registry.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to remove the requirement that an alleged/unknown father who failed to register with the paternity registry is entitled to a court-appointed attorney in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship. The amendment is not anticipated to have a fiscal implication for court operations. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

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

To the extent court-appointed attorney fees paid by counties would be reduced by the amendments in this bill, the possible savings statewide is not anticipated to be significant.

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

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