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TO: Honorable Richard Pena Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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

IN RE: HB848 by Guillen (Relating to an agreement authorizing certain persons to make decisions regarding a child during an investigation of child abuse or neglect.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would amend the Family Code to allow a parent to enter an authorization agreement with a care provider when placing a child under a parental child safety placement approved by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). The bill would provide for terminations of such agreements under certain conditions. According to the Office of Court Administration, these agreements are made outside of court supervision and would have no impact on court operations.

DFPS indicates costs for revising authorization agreement forms and instructing DFPS staff on the bill's changes to the law would be absorbed within existing resources. Accordingly, no significant fiscal implication to the state 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

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