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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: HB905 by Thompson (Relating to the admissibility of certain hearsay statements of a child in hearings on an application for a protective order.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to make a child victim of family violence's hearsay statement admissible evidence in a hearing on an application for protective order. According to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), training for DFPS attorneys, and district and county attorneys who provide representation for child protective services would need to be apprised of the change to rules of evidence in continuing legal education efforts. To the extent the bill would affect lawyers in this practice area, no significant fiscal implication to training efforts or in court operations 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

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