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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: HB1229 by Legler (Relating to equal parenting orders in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to establish an "equal parenting order" as a preferred alternative to the standard possession order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship (SAPCR). Under such an order, conservators of a child would alternate 1-4 week periods of possession without regard to holidays and other special dates. This is of import to attorneys in this practice area, but has no fiscal impact on Texas courts. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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