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TO: Honorable Chris Harris, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB120 by Uresti (Relating to requiring dental support for a child subject to a child support order.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code and provide that the courts, before a hearing to establish a support order, require written information regarding the availability and existence of dental insurance of the child, and requiring the court's final order to contain provisions for dental care. In addition, the courts would be required to order a parent to provide dental insurance, if available at reasonable cost, or to provide cash dental support if insurance is not available.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that additional costs would be incurred for programming adjustments to the child support automated system. The most significant changes would be to the financial and support order screens, case initiation, monitoring, tracking, assessment, and enforcement screens. However, this analysis assumes that those additional costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 454 Department of Insurance, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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