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TO: Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Chair, House Committee On Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB154 by Taylor, Van (Relating to the termination of the parent-child relationship and the duty to pay child support in circumstances involving mistaken paternity.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code to allow the termination of a child support order, including arrears, based on the results of genetic testing that excludes the obligor as the child's genetic father. The bill would result in revision of policies and procedures within the child support program at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG); however, it is anticipated that any additional costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The OAG has indicated that enactment of the bill would conflict with federal law.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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