

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 8, 2013**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1228** by Dukes (Relating to consideration by the court of sexual abuse and conduct that constitutes sexual assault in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code as it relates to sexual abuse in suits affecting the parent-child relationship. The bill would require a court to consider certain factors, as described, when making certain decisions relating to custody, possession, or access to a child. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures, no significant fiscal implication to the court system statewide is anticipated. The Department of Family and Protective Services indicates the bill would not be expected to have a significant fiscal implication on the agency's caseload.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

**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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