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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: HB1705 by Farrar (Relating to the age qualification and extended jurisdiction over one seeking a suit affecting parent child relationship order in family court for purposes of obtaining special immigrant juvenile status.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code as it relates to the eligibility for extended court jurisdiction for special immigrant juvenile status individuals. The bill would also amend the Human Resources Code to direct the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to develop rules regarding undetermined immigrant status cases. The bill also specifies that DFPS shall develop rules to direct caseworkers to stop seeking fee waivers for filing fees associated with legal permanent status applications.

The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the court system resulting from the bill. DFPS reports a cost resulting from the bill's requirement that the agency direct its caseworkers in rule to stop seeking legal permanent status application fee waivers from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. However, based on the number of legal permanent status applications that DFPS reports filing, this analysis assumes that any resulting costs could be reasonably absorbed within existing agency resources and will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the agency.

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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