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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: HB2774 by Rodriguez, Justin (Relating to intervention by a foster parent in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to prohibit a court from permitting a foster parent of a child placed in their care by the Department of Family and Protective Services to intervene in a pending suit involving the child unless the child had been in the foster home for at least 12 months. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

The Department of Family and Protective Services reports that the bill will not have a fiscal impact on the agency because it is consistent with existing law regarding foster parent standing in suits involving a foster child. The Office of Court Administration does anticipate that the bill will have a significant fiscal impact on the court system.

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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