

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB3402** by Raymond (Relating to the privilege of a child to refuse to testify against the child's parent or guardian.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that a child has a privilege to refuse to testify against their parent or guardian in a criminal proceeding and amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to specify that a child has a privilege to refuse to testify against their parent or guardian in a civil proceeding. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the court system resulting from the bill. The Department of Family and Protective Services reports that the bill will not result in a 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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