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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: HB3728 by Raymond (Relating to the privilege of a parent or guardian to refuse to testify against the parent or guardian's child.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that a parent or guardian has the privilege to not testify against their child in a criminal proceeding and amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to specify that a parent or guardian has the privilege to not testify against their child in certain civil proceedings. 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.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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