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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee On Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB330 by Huffman (Relating to certain information to which a social study evaluator is entitled in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends the Family Code to require that the Department of Family and Protective Services supply court-appointed social study evaluators with a complete, unredacted copy of certain investigative records. The bill specifies that the information in the investigative records is confidential and makes certain disclosures of record information a Class A misdemeanor.

The Department of Family and Protective Services reports that provision of such records to court-appointed social study evaluators is existing agency practice and anticipates that the bill could be implemented with existing resources.

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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