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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB429 by Nelson (Relating to the dismissal or nonsuit of a suit to terminate the parent-child relationship filed by a governmental entity.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill amends the Family Code, Sec. 161.203 to add certain requirements before a termination of parental rights suit can be nonsuited, e.g., determining whether the dismissal is in the best interest of the child and whether child support, visitation, and other orders affecting the child should continue after dismissal. According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the courts is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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