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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: SB1759 by Uresti (Relating to the procedures for the appointment of and the duties of attorneys ad litem in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code as it relates to restraining orders, parental notification of the right to representation in certain cases, and to specify the powers and duties of attorneys ad litem. The bill specifies the instances in which conservators or attorneys ad litem shall be appointed. The bill would repeal Family Code Section 107.013(c), relating to the appointment of an attorney ad litem in certain cases.

The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) does not anticipate that the bill will have a significant fiscal impact on the agency. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the court system resulting from the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

OCA reported that it does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to local courts.

DFPS reported that there would likely be a significant impact on local courts to pay for the increase in ad litem assignments.

The Texas Association of Counties reported that the fiscal impact of the bill could not be determined.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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