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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB781 by Burkett (Relating to caregiver screening and training by substitute care providers for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Passed 2nd House**

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| <p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p> |
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The bill would amend Chapters 40 and 42 of the Human Resources Code and would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to make modifications to contracts with certain providers. The bill would require DFPS to determine and evaluate the home screening, assessment, and pre-service training requirements used by substitute care providers before the verification and approval of caregivers and to publish that information on the department's website. The bill would require DFPS to adopt policies to ensure certain caregivers receive at least 35 hours of pre-service training before being verified as a foster or adoptive home.

The Department of Family and Protective Services indicates they can implement the provisions of the bill within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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