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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1195** by Bohac (Relating to a disclosure by an attorney before accepting representation of a client in a suit for the dissolution of marriage.), **As Introduced**

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would add a new Section 6.412, Family Code, requiring an attorney, before agreeing to represent a client in a suit for dissolution of marriage, to provide to the client a disclosure with information about arbitration, mediation, collaborative law, and alternatives to retaining an attorney for dissolution of a marriage. The State Bar would be required to adopt the disclosure form and the attorney would be required to obtain a written acknowledgment from the client that the form has been received and the disclosure understood.

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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