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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1217 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to reporting information for certain foster children who are missing or are victims of sex trafficking.), As Passed 2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code as it relates to reporting information for certain foster children who are missing or are victims of sex trafficking. The bill would also amend the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to prepare and disseminate certain child protection statistics by county.

Under current federal legislation (HR 4980: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act) enacted in September 2014, DFPS is already required to comply with the sex trafficking reporting provisions of the bill. Costs to the agency concerning the reporting of child protection statistics are also assumed to be insignificant.

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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