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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: HB1704 by Deshotel (Relating to gestational agreements and a requirement that pregnancy be disclosed in a suit for the dissolution of a marriage.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill amends Chapter 6 of the Family Code to require that the petition in a suit for dissolution of marriage state whether a party to the marriage is pregnant.

The bill also amends Chapter 160 of the Family Code to recognize gestational agreements made under foreign law and attaches certain criteria regarding their validation and legal effect, waives validation orders and consent to such agreements in certain circumstances, and adds criteria regarding the legal responsibility of parents to support a child born under such agreement.

The Office of Court Administration anticipates no significant fiscal impact to the state court system resulting from this bill.

The bill would go into effect on September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated.

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

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