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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: HB1781 by Bonnen, Greg (Relating to access of an adopted child to the adopted child's biological siblings in certain circumstances.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Chapters 102 and 162 of the Family Code to give standing to adoptive parents to file suit on the behalf of the adopted child for access to an adopted biological sibling. The bill also requires the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) or certain other entities to provide non-confidential information regarding the adopted biological sibling.

Child Care Licensing at DFPS would have to develop rules to distribute information determined to be non-confidential. DFPS has indicated that rule development can be absorbed within existing resources.

The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the state court system resulting from the bill.

The bill would take 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, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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