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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: **HB3906** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the transfer of jurisdiction and the appointment of an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the process for transferring a child protection case to another court. The bill would require the clerk of the transferring court to provide certain information to the recipient court within ten days of the order to transfer being signed, including a certified copy of the signed order. The clerk of the receiving court is required to include the judge of the receiving court among those receiving notification of receipt of the pleadings, documents, and orders by the receiving court from the transferring court. In addition, the receiving court may keep the same appointed attorney and guardian ad litem on the case or may, by the earlier of 10 days after receiving the order or the date of the first scheduled hearing after receiving the order, make new appointments. The Office of Court Administration indicates bill provisions are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication for the court system.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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