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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: HB3967 by Dukes (Relating to a pilot program to increase the financial independence of foster children who are transitioning to independent living.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to establish a pilot program to assist foster children in conservatorship in achieving financial security and independence as the children transition to independent living. DFPS must enter into an agreement with a credit union to establish savings accounts for foster children in conservatorship. DFPS must partner with a person or foundation for matching funds. The bill requires DFPS to survey each foster child who enters and exits the pilot program and to complete an evaluation of the pilot program by December 31, 2020. An additional report on the evaluation of the pilot program is due by December 31, 2022.

DFPS does not anticipate any significant fiscal impacts as result of complying with the provisions of the bill.

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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