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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB354 by Nelson (relating to the transfer to the Health and Human Services Commission of contracting authority for children's advocacy centers and volunteer advocate programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code and the Transportation Code to transfer contracting authority for children's advocacy centers and volunteer advocate programs from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The bill would give HHSC the administrative, contracting, and rule-making authority related to these programs.

This analysis assumes program funding would remain constant with 2014-15 levels. The OAG has indicated there are no administrative costs associated with this transfer. HHSC has indicated a need for additional FTEs and administrative costs, however it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources. The Department of Family and Protective Services has indicated that the bill has no fiscal impact on the agency.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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