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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB550 by Uresti (Relating to requiring dental support for a child subject to a child support order.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend multiple chapters of the Family Code by requiring dental support for a child subject to a child support order. All child support court orders would need to address dental support and order an appropriate parent to provide dental insurance, or reimburse the other parent for the cost of providing dental insurance.

The Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas (OAG) would need to ensure that all child support court orders address dental support. OAG has reported that modifications to the Child Support Division's (CSD) computer systems would be implemented within the work flow of the agency leading up to the Fiscal Year 2018 implementation date. OAG-CSD anticipates that any additional work as a result of the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within existing resources.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, it is assumed that their duties and responsibilities necessary to implement the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within existing resources.

According to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the agency because the health care plans administered by the agency do not include coverage for dental expenses. The Office of Court Administration has indicated that no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2018.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 323 Teacher Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance

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