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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB822 by Rodríguez (Relating to the applicability of certain definitions and certain laws governing attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, and amicus attorneys in family law proceedings.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Title 2 of the Family Code, which relates to a child in relation to the family, to clarify when the definitions in Chapter 101 apply to Title 2. The bill also states that Chapter 107, which relates to special appointments and social studies applies, with regard to the appointment of an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, or an amicus attorney under Title 2.

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

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