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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB45** by Flynn (Relating to requiring the Texas Supreme Court to adopt rules and provide judicial instruction regarding the application of foreign laws in certain family law cases.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to require the Supreme Court to promulgate rules of evidence and procedure regarding the enforceability of certain foreign judgments and awards, and to provide for a course of judicial instruction addressing issues related to foreign law, foreign judgments, and foreign arbitration awards.

Government Code Chapter 56, establishes the General Revenue-Dedicated Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund 540 (Fund 540) to be used only by the Court of Criminal Appeals (CCA) for the purposes of providing judicial education. The CCA uses appropriations from this fund to administer and provide grants to entities to provide judicial education and training.

This analysis assumes that the additional training requirements provided in the bill could be funded through grants provided by CCA; however, any additional training requirements from this method of finance would reduce allocations provided by these grants for other judicial education purposes and may require the judicial education training provider to prioritize training needs.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**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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