

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB1663** by Dutton (Relating to certain statutory changes to reflect and address same-sex marriages and parenting relationships.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Family Code to instruct the courts to construe gender-specific language as gender-neutral when necessary to implement the rights and duties of spouses or parents in a same-sex marriage. The bill would revise sections of the Family Code and the Health and Safety Code to eliminate certain gender-specific language and to reflect the existence of same-sex marriage. The Office of Court Administration and the Department of State Health Services have indicated that the provisions of the bill could be accomplished with 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, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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