

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

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

**IN RE: HB4198** by Cyrier (Relating to the payment by prospective adoptive parents of certain expenses of the birth mother.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code allowing a birth parent to make a written request to the licensed attorney representing the prospective adoptive parent(s) for payment of certain expenses of the birth mother. The bill would not apply to an adoption by a stepparent by which one birth parent or adoptive parent retains conservatorship of the child.

According to the Office of Court Administrative no significant impact to the state or local court system is anticipated.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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