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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB36 by Zaffirini (Relating to the regulation of certain guardianship programs.), As Passed 2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Estates Code and Government Code to require guardianship programs be registered with the Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) and requires a person who directly supervises an individual that will provide guardianship services of a guardianship program to be certified. The JBCC would be required to consult with the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt minimum standards for the operation of guardianship programs; however, the provisions of the bill do not apply to guardianship and related services provided by a guardianship program under a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission. The Supreme Court of Texas would be required to adopt rules to ensure compliance and qualifications for registration of a guardianship program and adopt procedures to continue a guardianship after the program which carried out guardianship services is no longer certified by the JBCC.

This analysis assumes that 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, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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