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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB77 by Nelson (Relating to involuntary termination of parental rights based on sexual assault of the child's other parent and the child support obligations of the parent whose rights were terminated.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code to authorize a court to order termination of the parent-child relationship if the court finds that the parent had been convicted of the sexual assault of the other parent of the child or that the parent had been placed on community supervision or an equivalent form of community supervision for being criminally responsible for the sexual assault of the parent of the child. The bill authorizes a court to require parents whose rights have been terminated under these provisions to pay child support if the person is financially able. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Department of Family and Protective Services, 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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