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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB879 by Uresti (Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve as and receive monetary assistance for serving as a relative or other designated caregiver.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the eligibility of a person to serve as and receive monetary assistance for serving as a relative or other designated caregiver. The bill would add certain criteria that the Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) could not use to disqualify a person from serving as a relative or other designated caregiver. The bill would exclude DFPS from using a caregiver's homestead property and ownership interest in a motor vehicle in determining a family's need for monetary assistance. According to DFPS, the bill would codify existing practices, and any cost associated with implementing this bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon a vote of two-thirds of each house, otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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