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TO: Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB907 by Birdwell (Relating to the definition of the least restrictive environment for the placement of children in foster care.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This legislation will not take effect in the absence of a specific appropriation for its implementation by the 85th Legislature.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the definition of the least restrictive environment for the placement of children in foster care.

According to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), while the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources, implementation of these provisions could result in the loss of existing federal funds.

In the event that DFPS receives a formal determination from the United States Department of Health and Human Services stating that implementation of this provision would result in a reduction of federal funding, DFPS may not implement this Act.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017, only if a specific appropriation for implementation is provided in a general appropriation act of the 85th Legislature.

Local Government Impact

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

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