

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE:** SB1710 by Zaffirini (Relating to applications for the complete restoration of a ward's capacity or modification of a guardianship.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Estates Code to require a court to consider an application for the complete restoration of a ward's capacity or modification of guardianship in certain situations before the appointment of a successor guardian. The bill would also remove any requirement for a letter or certificate from a physician before the appointment of a court investigator or guardian ad litem and set certain response requirements relating to informal letters to the court from a ward. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, 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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