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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: HB1285 by Smithee (relating to exemptions to reporting and list requirements for certain attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, amicus attorneys, mediators, and guardians.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code by adding to the list of exemptions to reporting and list requirements for certain attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, amicus attorneys, or mediators who are providing a service without expectation of compensation or for a nonprofit organization that provides pro bono legal services for the indigent. The bill would also allow a court to appoint a person included on the applicable list of attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, mediators, and guardians whose name does not appear first, or a person who meets statutory requirements to serve but is not included on the list, if a state disaster is declared.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using 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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