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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3085 by Dutton (Relating to an award of costs and attorney's fees and the imposition of sanctions in certain suits for the dissolution of a marriage or affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code to allow a court to award reasonable attorney's fee and suit-related costs incurred by a party in a divorce or child support suit resulting from the suit being moved from state to federal court.

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.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

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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