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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: SB1426 by Zaffirini (relating to the establishment by a county of public guardians for certain incapacitated persons and funding for guardianships by public guardians and related services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend several codes to authorize counties to establish public offices to provide guardianship services, would reallocate a pre-existing fee charged on probate actions to allow local governments to fund these public offices, would require the Office of Court Administration (OCA) to promulgate policies and procedures for the exchange of information with these offices and other guardian stakeholders, and would require OCA to submit a biennial report on the analysis of costs and benefits of these programs. Based on the analysis of the OCA, 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, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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