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

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IN RE: SB1675 by West (Relating to the duties of the Title IV-D agency regarding the collection, modification, and enforcement of child support.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1675, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$13,177,049 through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
|--------------------|---|
| 2020 | \$6,479,669 |
| 2021 | \$6,697,380 |
| 2022 | \$6,922,406 |
| 2023 | \$7,154,992 |
| 2024 | \$7,395,394 |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund |
|--------------------|--|
| 2020 | \$6,479,669 |
| 2021 | \$6,697,380 |
| 2022 | \$6,922,406 |
| 2023 | \$7,154,992 |
| 2024 | \$7,395,394 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the Title IV-D Annual Child Support service fee, as well as the requirement to pay child support for certain incarcerated obligors.

The bill takes effect September 1, 2019.

Methodology

Based on analysis by the Office of the Attorney General, the provisions of the bill relating to the Title Title IV-D Child Support annual service fee would result in a positive impact to General Revenue during the 2020-21 biennium of \$13.2 million, reflected in the tables above. This estimate is based on avoiding federal fines and increased collections resulting from changing the fee from the current \$25 to a federally-required level of \$35.

Based on analysis by the Office of the Attorney General, the provisions of the bill relating to administrative adjustments for incarcerated obligors would result in an indeterminate cost-savings to the state.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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