

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE:** SB2365 by Hughes (Relating to the protection of parental rights.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the protection of parental rights. The bill would clarify a parent's right to physical possession of their child and their decisions in raising their child. The bill would require the state to pass a strict scrutiny test in order to restrict or interfere with a parent's rights to make decisions in raising their child as defined in the provisions of the bill. 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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