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TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB542** by White (Relating to foster care placement in and the licensing of certain residential child-care facilities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to establish guidelines for the placement of a child in a residential child-care facility at which a preventable death of a child in the managing conservatorship of the department occurred. Additionally, the bill would amend the Human Resources Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to deny an application for a license to operate a child-care facility if the applicant operated a residential child-care facility at which a preventable death of a child in the managing conservatorship of DFPS occurred and HHSC terminated a contract with the residential child-care facility as the result of the preventable death.

It is assumed any cost to implement provisions of the bill would be minimal and can be absorbed within available resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 530 Family & Protective Services

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