

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 27, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Victoria Neave, Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB566** by Lopez (Relating to requiring trauma training for certain attorneys.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code and the Government Code to require an attorney qualified for appointment as an attorney ad litem for a child in a child protection case to complete evidence based trauma training.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and Department of Family and Protective Services, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources. In addition, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated with the implementation of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to courts is anticipated. According to the Department of Family and Protective Services, there may be a fiscal impact to local government entities if the county assumes the cost of the training or pays the attorney ad litem for the time to attend the training.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin, 530 Family & Protective Services

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