

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 12, 2021**

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

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

**IN RE: HB576** by White (Relating to the time for rendering a final order in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Family Code to require a court, on timely commencement of a trial under Section 263.401, to render a final order no later than 90 days after the trial commences. The bill would permit the court to make one 30-day extension for extraordinary circumstances and would require the court to specify the grounds on which the extension is made. The bill would permit a party to file a mandamus proceeding if the court fails to render a timely order.

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

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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