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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB674 by Ramos (Relating to informing the public about the availability of provisions in protective orders, including provisions regarding pets and other companion animals.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to require the attorney general and the State Bar of Texas to jointly develop information to provide to the public about the provisions that may be included in a protective order, including the ability of a court to render a protective order prohibiting a party from removing a pet, companion animal, or assistance animal from the possession or actual or constructive care of a person named in the order.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Office of the Attorney General, 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

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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