

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 17, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: HB1315** by Johnson, Jarvis (Relating to the duration of an appointment of a guardian ad litem or an attorney ad litem for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Family Code to mandate continuation of the appointment of attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, and the attorney ad litem appointed in the dual role for a child, for as long as the child remains in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

**Local Government Impact**

DFPS assumes potential costs to local government entities associated with continuation of an appointment of attorney ad litem for the entirety of a child's stay in the department's custody.

**Source Agencies:** 530 Family & Protective Services

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