

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 22, 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.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Family Code to mandate continuation of the appointment of attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, or the attorney ad litem appointed in the dual role for a child, and would allow for the appointment of both the attorney ad litem and the guardian ad litem 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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