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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1675 by Allison (Relating to guardianships of the person of wards with profound intellectual disabilities who are minors or were minors when their guardianship proceedings commenced.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Estates Code to exempt an application for guardianship of a minor with a profound intellectual disability from the requirements of a hearing, the appointment of an attorney ad litem, and a required investigation by a court-appointed investigator, if the proposed guardian submits an affidavit which states the proposed guardian is the parent and primary caregiver of the minor.

The bill would require a court review of such a guardianship every 5 years, rather than annually as under current law, under certain circumstances. The bill would give authority for the court to conduct a review outside of the 5-year schedule upon receipt of a claim that the guardianship is no longer in the ward's best interest.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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