

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

**March 20, 2021**

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

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

**IN RE: HB1868** by Dutton (Relating to the powers of associate judges in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Family Code to allow an associate judge, in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, to render and sign a final order agreed to in writing by all parties. Under current law, an associate judge may render and sign a final order agreed to in writing as to both form and substance by all parties.

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. In addition, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated due to 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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