

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB2926** by Parker (Relating to the reinstatement of the parent-child relationship with respect to a person whose parental rights have been involuntarily terminated and to certain requirements in relation to the termination of the parent-child relationship or placement of a child in substitute care.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Family Code to permit persons in certain circumstances to file a petition requesting the court to reinstate the parental rights of a former parent whose rights were involuntarily terminated.

The bill would require the individual to give certain notice to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) of the parent's intent to file the petition, a copy of which must be filed with the petition. The court would be required to hold a reinstatement hearing within 60 days of the petition's filing, and could grant the petition and order reinstatement only if the court makes certain findings by a preponderance of the evidence.

The bill would also require DFPS to notify individuals when a parent-child relationship has been terminated. DFPS would be required to seek relatives and potential designated caregivers related to the child within the fourth degree of consanguinity as well as require certain preferences when placing a child.

Based on analysis of DFPS and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin, 530 Family & Protective Services

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