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

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.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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.

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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