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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3896 by Smithee (Relating to access to certain financial records by the guardianship abuse, fraud, and exploitation deterrence program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require financial institutions or other persons, as applicable, to allow the Guardianship Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation Deterrence Program access to financial records of wards or wards' estate for purposes of conducting reviews and audits of guardianships. Under the bill's provisions, and upon the program's request, a court where a guardianship is pending could order a financial institution or, as applicable, a person to provide financial records to the program in accordance with conditions set by the court.

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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