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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: SB185 by Perry (Relating to the time for entering a final order in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code to require a court, on timely commencement of a trial under Section 263.401, to render a final order no later than 90 days after the trial commences. The bill would permit the court to extend the 90-day period for the period the court determines necessary if, after a hearing, the court finds good cause for the extension. The bill would permit the court to extend the 90-day period for a period the court determines necessary if, after a hearing, the court finds good cause for the extension. Where the court grants a good cause extension the bill would require the court to render an order specifying the grounds on which the extension is granted and the length of the extension.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Department of Family and Protective Services, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the bill could be accomplished utilizing available resources. In addition, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated with the implementation of the bill.

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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