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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: SB1349** by Eckhardt (Relating to placing a child in the possessory conservatorship of the child's parents in certain situations.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Family Code related to require, at each placement review hearing after the second anniversary of the date the court rendered the final order naming the department or another person as the child's managing conservator without terminating parental rights, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to review the child's placement to determine whether the child could be returned to the child's parent if the parent was named possessory conservator for the child in the final order. The bill would allow the court to return the child to the child's parents if the court finds it is in the best interest of the child.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and DFPS, 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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