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TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB336 by Toth (Relating to notice regarding certain benefits for which a representative payee or fiduciary has been appointed for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB336, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$697,293) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2024	(\$556,909)
2025	(\$140,384)
2026	(\$140,973)
2027	(\$141,579)
2028	(\$142,204)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable (Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758	Probable (Cost) from Federal Funds 555	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023
2024	(\$555,326)	(\$1,583)	(\$43,792)	2.0
2025	(\$138,874)	(\$1,510)	(\$10,567)	2.0
2026	(\$139,457)	(\$1,516)	(\$10,611)	2.0
2027	(\$140,057)	(\$1,522)	(\$10,657)	2.0
2028	(\$140,675)	(\$1,529)	(\$10,704)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to provide notice concerning any application, denials or appeal of Social Security Administration (SSA) or Veteran Affairs (VA) benefits. The bill would also require DFPS to provide to the child, through the child's legal representative before each placement review, information on benefits received and disbursed since the last review, child account balances, and any disbursement requests not granted.

Methodology

In December 2022, there were 1,609.0 deposits of SSI and Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) received for 1,529.0 children. This analysis assumes that reports would be requested quarterly resulting in approximately 6,116 additional reports each fiscal year. This analysis assumes to address increased workload, 2.0 Accountant II full time equivalents (FTEs) would be needed to process the reports and track additional information.

In addition, this analysis assumes 2.0 contracted FTEs to modify the Information Management Protecting Adults and Children in Texas (IMPACT) system to allow for tracking additional information as well as improvements to financial capabilities for the checking and savings account.

It is also assumed there would be no fiscal impact to the Office of Court Administration.

Technology

Included in estimated costs is \$442,395 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 for system and IT modifications.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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