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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: HB968 by Gates (Relating to procedures in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to provide additional information in an affidavit when taking possession of a child as well as require a court to make certain findings before issuing a temporary order for conservatorship, restraining order, or allowing a governmental entity to take possession of the child. In addition, the bill would allow the alleged perpetrator to agree to an order to leave the residence of the child and allow a court to terminate the order on a finding the order is not needed and is in the best interest of the child.

It is assumed that any costs to DFPS could be absorbed within existing resources.

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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