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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2581 by Dutton (Relating to the allocation of child care expenses for a child subject to a child support order.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2581, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$1,305,090) 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>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$1,305,090)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds</i>
	1	555
2024	(\$1,305,090)	(\$2,533,410)
2025	\$0	\$0
2026	\$0	\$0
2027	\$0	\$0
2028	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would establish that if a party incurs childcare expenses in order to seek or maintain gainful employment or receive higher education or vocational training in anticipation of gainful employment, the court shall determine and allocate between the parties, according to the parties' circumstances, reasonable childcare expenses.

Methodology

The table above reflects a one-time programming cost of \$3,838,500 in fiscal year 2024 for the Office of the

Attorney General's (OAG) TXCSES system. This would include General Revenue totaling \$1,305,090 and Federal Funds totaling \$2,533,410.

According to information provided by the OAG, programming costs would be necessary to provide:

(1) Financial and accounting functionality; (2) Virtual Case File management system security requirements; (3) Development of new obligation types and associated screens; (4) ALPS/PELO changes to include new screens for childcare costs; and (5) Modifications to multiple auxiliary modules. The OAG anticipates a minimum of nine months to one year to implement all changes from the bill into the current mainframe system, TXCSES.

Technology

One-time programming costs totaling \$1,305,090 in General Revenue and \$2,533,410 in Federal Funds for the TXCSES would be necessary to implement 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 Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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