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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: SB593 by Sparks (relating to an independent assessment of the Health and Human Services Commission's and the Department of Family and Protective Services' rules, minimum standards, and contract requirements that apply to certain residential child-care providers.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB593, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$1,025,050) 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	(\$1,025,050)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2024	(\$1,025,050)
2025	\$0
2026	
2027	
2028	

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to engage with an independent entity to conduct an assessment of the rules, minimum standards, and contract requirements that apply to child-placing agencies, residential child-care facilities, relative caregivers, and adoptive homes.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that HHSC would need to contract with an independent third party in fiscal year 2024 to conduct the assessment.

It is assumed that, to review the minimum standards and contract requirements within the timeframe required by the bill, the cost is estimated to be \$950 per page of applicable publications for a total of \$900,000. This analysis also assumes the review of statutes would cost \$100,050, and that the independent contractor would require \$25,000 for travel expenses. These costs align with other audits that have been conducted.

It is assumed any costs to the Department of Family and Protective Services could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of
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