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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: SB614 by Perry (Relating to certain procedures relating to children placed under a parental child safety placement.), **As Introduced**

The component of the bill related to the termination of parental child safety placements cannot be determined because it is unknown how many children would enter Department of Family and Protective Services conservatorship.

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB614, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$340,909) 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	(\$340,909)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

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
2024	(\$337,320)	(\$3,589)	(\$17,943)
2025			
2026			
2027			
2028			

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the parental child safety placement (PCSP) agreement to automatically terminate on the earlier of the 30th day after either the date that the agreement is signed or the child is placed with the caregiver.

Lastly, the bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to include children who are placed with a caregiver under a PCSP agreement in any report and report the number of cases in which a court under Section 264.203 orders the parent, managing conservator, guardian, or other member of the child's household of a child who is placed with a caregiver under a PCSP to participate in services.

Methodology

This analysis also assumes the need of 2.0 contracted full time equivalents in fiscal year 2024 to update the Information Management Protecting Adults and Children in Texas (IMPACT) system to allow for new reporting requirements. It is assumed 3,521 hours would be required to complete the IT changes.

This analysis is unable to determine how the restriction of the PCSPs to 60 days will affect the number of children entering DFPS conservatorship. After 60 days, DFPS would need to evaluate if the child could safely return home, or move forward with a legal removal if the risk has not been mitigated and immediate danger is still present.

Technology

Included in estimated costs are \$340,908 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 for technology modifications.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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