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**TO:** Honorable Lacey Hull, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1155** by Hull (Relating to monetary assistance provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services to certain parents.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1155, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$3,401,505) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$1,847,348)
2027	(\$1,554,157)
2028	(\$1,558,382)
2029	(\$1,555,281)
2030	(\$1,555,803)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds 555</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i>
2026	(\$1,838,103)	(\$9,245)	(\$7,860,630)	3.0
2027	(\$1,551,974)	(\$2,183)	(\$8,602,762)	3.0
2028	(\$1,556,193)	(\$2,189)	(\$8,626,329)	3.0
2029	(\$1,553,087)	(\$2,194)	(\$8,602,848)	3.0
2030	(\$1,553,605)	(\$2,198)	(\$8,602,887)	3.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to provide monetary assistance to a parent if a court has rendered an order providing for the monitored return of a child to a parent. The bill would require DFPS to provide monetary assistance for the duration of the monitoring period. The monetary assistance would apply to a parent who has a family income less to or equal to 300 percent of the federal poverty level and demonstrates to DFPS that economic factors are the main barrier to reunification.

The bill would also allow DFPS to extend the payments for an additional 6 months after the case is dismissed.

**Methodology**

According to the agency, there were 3,701 family reunification exits from DFPS in fiscal year 2023. The

agency assumes that half of these children, or 1,850, would qualify for financial assistance and half of the 1,850 or 925 would be on extended monitoring financial assistance after the first three months. This analysis assumes these children would be equally distributed across each month of the fiscal year and the extended payments would start three months after the fiscal year begins. It is assumed the payments would be equal to the basic foster family rate under Texas Child Centered Care at \$46.90 per day for the first three months and half the rate at \$23.45 for the next three months. Due to the income requirements noted in the bill, all payments would be Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible for the first four months and the remaining two months would be funded with General Revenue. This analysis assumes the agency would be eligible to use TANF beginning in fiscal year 2026 and that the Health and Human Services Commission would submit a State Plan amendment. Payments to parents are assumed to be \$8,582,068 in All Funds in fiscal year 2026, \$9,903,052 in All Funds in fiscal year 2027, \$9,930,184 in All Funds in fiscal year 2028, \$9,903,053 in All Funds in fiscal years 2029 and 2030. Should the State Plan amendment be denied and federal TANF grant funds not be allowed as a source of payment for this purpose, the full fiscal impact would be on the General Revenue Fund.

This analysis assumes to include the new payment type and allow for payments to be issued 6 months after the closure of the case, Information Management Protecting Adults and Children in Texas (IMPACT) system modifications would be needed. The incorporation of the changes are assumed to start and be completed in fiscal year 2026 and assume 2.0 contracted System Analyst V FTEs would be needed to complete the work.

It is also assumed that during the modifications of the IMPACT system, the payments to the parents would have to be done manually, therefore it is assumed that 4.0 contracted Accountant II FTEs would be need to address this workload. To assist with the contracted FTEs, and once the IMPACT modifications are complete, it is assumed 1.0 Accountant I FTE would be needed to oversee the payments to parents.

Additionally, this analysis assumes the need of 2.0 Accounting Technician II FTEs in each fiscal year to confirm income eligibility as well as assess economic factors, assist in billing, and provide technical assistance.

It is assumed any costs to the Health and Human Services Commission could be absorbed within existing appropriations.

### **Technology**

Technology related costs including enhancements to the IMPACT system are estimated to be \$448,353 in fiscal year 2026.

### **Local Government Impact**

No 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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