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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2340 by Metcalf (relating to the qualifications, communications, and recordkeeping of a child custody evaluator and the admissibility of a child custody evaluation under certain circumstances.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require after the filing of a notice, that certain records be made available on written request from an attorney for a party, a party who does not have an attorney, and any person appointed in the suit in which the evaluator conducted the evaluation.

It is assumed any costs to the Office of Court Administration could be absorbed within existing resources. It is also assumed there would be no fiscal impact to the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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 LBB Staff: JMc, KDw, ER, AN