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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1536 by Zaffirini (Relating to training on dementia and Alzheimer's disease for certain guardians.),
As Introduced

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1536, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$559,942) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

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 <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$379,324)
2027	(\$180,618)
2028	(\$180,618)
2029	(\$184,158)
2030	(\$181,458)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i>
2026	(\$379,324)	2.0
2027	(\$180,618)	1.0
2028	(\$180,618)	1.0
2029	(\$184,158)	1.0
2030	(\$181,458)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Supreme Court of Texas to adopt rules requiring guardians to complete a training course for Dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The bill would require guardians to complete the course within six months after appointment and repeat the course each year they are assigned as a guardian. The bill would require the adoption of the rules by January, 1, 2026, and for the course to be made available by July 1, 2026. The bill would also require the training course to be made available on the court's website at no cost to an appointed guardian.

Methodology

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration (OCA), this analysis assumes the Court would require \$379,324 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$180,618 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 and 2.0 FTE positions to implement the provisions of the bill. This includes 1.0 full-time License and Permit Specialist and 1.0 temporary License and Permit Specialist in fiscal year 2026 for implementation and compliance of the training program. The first specialist position would be maintained in perpetuity to meet the new training requirements while the second position would ensure an estimated 60,000 existing certified guardians complete the training before the September 1, 2026, deadline. Salary costs included in these amounts would total \$63,600 each fiscal year, totaling \$127,200 in fiscal year 2026 and \$63,600 in fiscal years 2027-2030. Benefits and payroll contributions, as well as other personnel costs included in these amounts, would total \$41,658 in fiscal year 2026 and \$22,869 in fiscal year 2027.

Based on information provided by OCA, this analysis also assumes the court would require \$210,466 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$94,149 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to develop and implement the training program on the courts website.

Technology

These costs include technology impacts of \$174,292 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$76,546 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to host an additional 6,000 guardians that are required to complete the online training.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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