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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1598 by Watson (Relating to authorizing a power of attorney for a caregiver of a child.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to prescribe forms for a disclosure statement and power of attorney for the caregiver of a child. It would also require DFPS and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to make the forms available on their websites or provide paper copies to the public on request without charge. DFPS indicates significant fiscal resources would not be required to implement the provisions of the bill. TEA estimates any costs associated with providing documents electronically or in hard copy to comply with the provisions of the bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 701 Central Education Agency

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