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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1882 by Zaffirini (Relating to a bill of rights for wards under guardianship.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Estates Code to create a bill of rights for wards under guardianship. Twenty-four specific rights are set out in the bill, as described. A ward would be able to seek relief to enforce these rights in the court having jurisdiction over the guardianship, and the court could award attorney's fees to an attorney appointed or retained to represent the ward. The Office of Court Administration indicates implementing the provisions of the bill is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication for the court system.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas
Judicial Council

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