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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB999 by West (Relating to procedures for taking possession of a child and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code and Family Code relating to procedures for taking possession of a child and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Based on information provided by DFPS and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Office of Court Administration, the removal of the requirement that an attorney ad litem be appointed at a hearing for the temporary order, temporary restraining order or attachment of a child, may result in savings to local government. However, the fiscal impact to local government cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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