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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3994 by Morrison (Relating to notice of and consent to an abortion for a minor; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would change the requirements related to the notice of and consent to an abortion for a minor. The bill would prohibit the guardian ad litem appointed for a minor's request of judicial bypass of certain requirements related to consent to abortion from also serving as the minor's attorney. The bill would require the Office of Court Administration (OCA) to annually publish a report of the data submitted by county clerks on each case filed related to a minor seeking judicial bypass of certain requirements related to consent to abortion. The bill would require the physician to report any suspected abuse of the minor (currently only required if committed by certain persons) and require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to investigate these reports (a minor's claim of abuse would constitute a reason to believe abuse has occurred).

Based on the analysis provided by DFPS, the Texas Medical Board, and OCA, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing state resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 503 Texas Medical Board, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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