

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2160 - SB 2203

April 1, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Department of Human Services, Department of Children's Services, the Commission on Aging and Disabilities, the Division of Mental Retardation Services, and the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to coordinate any and all programs regarding conservatorships for mentally or physically disabled persons to be more efficient.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 815 of 2004 required departments to study the feasibility of a guardianship program for persons who are mentally or physically disabled.
- The Department of Human Services currently provides conservatorship programs through Adult Protective Services.
- The Department of Children Services (DCS) coordinates with the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) and the Division of Mental Retardation (DMR) for children who are aging out of DCS custody and for whom the appointment of a conservatorship will be necessary.
- DMHDD has a program to provide conservatorships in state hospitals and DMR provides some conservatorship programs.
- The cost of coordinating these services through all of the agencies could be absorbed within the proposed budget of each department.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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James W. White, Executive Director

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