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SB 459, (New Title) establishing a committee to study the child protection act.

Children and Family Law: OTP/A 13-0

SB 459

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ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allows a court to assign to a family a "parenting coordinator" who may not be held accountable by either party for civil suit and whose cost is borne by the parent(s).

- This bill, with the proposed house committee amendment, is an appalling attack on the civil liberties of parents as it offers courts a method of assigning a newly created role of "parenting coordinator" whose cost is to be assumed by the parents.
- This bill creates a "parenting coordinator" who is legislatively unaccountable for their actions and is rendered *"immune from civil liability in any claim for injury that arises out of an act or omission ... occurring during the performance of his or her duties or during the performance of any act that a reasonable parenting coordinator would believe was within the scope of his or her duties."*
- A "reasonable parenting coordinator" is an undefined concept.
- The purpose of the court is to adjudicate based on law, precedent, and circumstance. This bill manufactures a method for the court to avoid accountability and culpability in its decisions by allowing the court to outsource the challenging work to an unelected and unaccountable party.