

- SUBJECT:** Removing time limits on the enforcement of unpaid child support.
- COMMITTEE:** Juvenile Justice and Family Issues — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Dutton, Eiland, Bolton, Farrar, Gonzalez Toureilles, Hernandez, Vaught  
0 nays  
2 absent — Farias, Strama
- WITNESSES:** For — Sally Emerson, Texas Family Law Foundation; Karen Marvel; Doug Woodburn, Texas Family Law Foundation; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Eric Rosenkoetter, Supportkids, Inc.)  
Against — None  
On — Alicia Key, Office of the Attorney General
- BACKGROUND:** In 2005, the 79th Legislature, in HB 260 by Goodman, amended Family Code, sec. 157.005 to add a time limit for the collection of child support. The court retains jurisdiction to confirm the total amount of child support arrearages and render judgment for past-due child support if a motion for enforcement requesting a money judgment is filed not later than the 10th anniversary after the date:
- the child becomes an adult, or
  - on which the child support obligation terminates under the child support order or by operation of law.
- DIGEST:** HB 670 would remove from Family Code, sec. 157.005 provisions that established a time limit for motions to enforce a judgment for past-due child support. A court would retain jurisdiction until the date all current child support and medical support and child support arrearages, including interest and any applicable fees and costs, had been paid. The changes would apply to child support arrearages regardless of the date the child support became due or the child support obligation terminated.

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The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.