

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1884  
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Jurisprudence  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

To ensure that child support enforcement and collection efforts are conducted efficiently, counties may need access to certain information provided at the state and federal level. Additionally, the federal government has mandated that the states adopt standardized systems of enforcement and collection. H.B. 1884 would set forth requirements for the collection and enforcement of child support.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1884 sets forth requirements for the collection and enforcement of child support.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 158.204, Family Code, to authorize an employer to deduct an administrative fee of not more than \$10, rather than \$5, each month from the obligor's disposable earnings in addition to the amount to be withheld as child support.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 158.206(b), Family Code, to provide that an employer receiving an order or writ of withholding who does not comply with the order or writ is liable to the obligor for certain amounts.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 203.004(a), Family Code, to authorize a domestic relationship to provide an informal forum in which an agreed repayment schedule for delinquent child support is negotiated as an alternative to filing a suit to enforce a court order for child support under Subdivision (3).

SECTION 4. Amends Section 203.007, Family Code, to entitle a domestic relations office to obtain certain records from the Texas Workforce Commission. Provides that a domestic relations office is entitled to obtain from the national directory of new hires established under U.S.C. Section 653(i), as amended, records that relate to a person described by Subsection (a), including records that relate to certain information. Provides that a domestic relations office is entitled to obtain from the state case registry records that relate to a person described by Subsection (a), including records that relate to certain information. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 231.303(d), Family Code, to authorize the Title IV-D agency to disclose information in a financial record obtained from a financial institution only to the extent necessary to comply with Section 233.001, as added by Chapter 420, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997. Make conforming changes.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 233.003, Family Code, to delete text regarding a custodial parent or the person designated by the parent.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 8. Emergency clause.

