

BILL ANALYSIS

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Currently, it is common for possession orders not to include specific provisions regarding access to a child over the telephone. S.B. 1394 requires a child's possessory conservator to have access to the child through weekly telephone conversations.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1394 requires a child's possessory conservator to have access to the child through weekly telephone conversations.

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 Chapter 153F, Family Code, by adding Section 153.318, as follows:

Sec. 153.318. TELEPHONE ACCESS. Requires the court to order the possessory conservator's access to the child on the telephone. Sets forth required specifics of the telephone access. Requires the court to order the child's managing conservator to have a telephone message recording device or service, unless the managing conservator can show that the requirements would cause undue financial hardship.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.