

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**DIGEST**

Currently, although a court may require a child support obligor to pay expenses for health care, Texas statutes do not require the expenses to be paid within a certain time. S.B. 1814 would establish statutory requirements regarding the time period to reimburse certain health care expenses.

**PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1814 requires child support obligors to provide health coverage for their children.

**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 154.183, Family Code, to require a party to present a bill incurring expenses not reimbursed by health insurance appertaining to health care costs not covered by insurance to the other party within six months for reimbursement of the other party's share of expenses. Requires the claim to the reimbursement to be forfeited if the claim is not presented within six months. Requires the reimbursing party to remit the party's portion of the expenses within 30days.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.