

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides that a child support obligation in terms of community supervision continues for five years, but a financial obligation may continue for a longer period of time. This creates problems when community supervision terminates prior to the time child support arrearages are paid. It is reported that a change to a 10-year community supervision time period would be more appropriate for the enforcement of child support arrearages. The bill would extend the community supervision time period for child support arrearages from five years to 10.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1816 sets forth a term limit for a community supervision period.

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 157.212, Family Code, to prohibit a community supervision period from exceeding 10 years, rather than five.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.