

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, the amount of child support that a person is required to pay is determined by guidelines that designate a certain percentage based on the obligor's monthly net resources. The social security old age benefits that an obligor and the child receive are not considered by the court when determining the amount of a child support order. H.B. 2550 requires the court, when determining the amount of the child support order, to apply the child support guidelines by determining the amount of child support and subtracting from that total the amount of benefits paid to or for the child as a result of the obligor's receipt of social security benefits.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 154C, Family Code, by adding Section 154.133, as follows:

Sec. 154.133. APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES TO CHILDREN OF OBLIGORS RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY. Requires the court, in applying the child support guidelines for an obligor who is receiving social security old age benefits and who is required to pay support for a child who receives benefits as a result of the obligor's receipt of social security old age benefits, to apply the guidelines by determining the amount of child support that would be ordered under the child support guidelines and subtracting from that total the amount of benefits or the value of the benefits paid to or for the child as a result of the obligor's receipt of social security old age benefits.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001. Provides that this Act applies to a child support order entered before, on, or after that date.