

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Although federal and state governments have increased initiatives to collect delinquent child support payments, many child support debts continue to go unpaid. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, child support payments are being made in only 37 percent of the nation's 16.4 million child support cases. Last year, Texas collected child support payments in 19 percent of the cases in which support was owed. C.S.H.B. 586 provides that, in order to encourage payment of child support, a delinquent child support obligor or a business entity in which a delinquent obligor has certain interests is ineligible to receive specified state funds, grants, or loans.

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 Section 231.006(a), Family Code, to provide that a child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to receive a state-funded grant or loan or student financial assistance paid directly to the obligor by the comptroller.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2002.
Makes application of this Act prospective.