

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1972  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

H.B. 1972 provides for an administrative review process for child support payments by the state disbursement unit of the Title IV-D agency.

### **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 Subchapter A, Chapter 234, Family Code, by adding Section 234.0091, as follows:

Sec. 234.0091. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT RECORD. (a) Requires the state disbursement unit, on request, to provide to an obligor or obligee a copy of the record of child support payments maintained by the unit. Requires the record to include the amounts and dates of all payments received from or on behalf of the obligor and disbursed to the obligee.

(b) Authorizes an obligor or obligee to request that the Title IV-D agency investigate an alleged discrepancy between the child support payment record provided by the state disbursement unit under Subsection (a) and the payment records maintained by the obligor or obligee. Requires the obligor or obligee making the request to provide to the Title IV-D agency documentation of the alleged discrepancy, including a canceled check or other evidence of a payment or disbursement at issue.

(c) Requires the Title IV-D agency to respond to a request under Subsection (b) not later than the 20th day after the date the agency receives the request. Requires the state disbursement unit, if, after an investigation, the agency determines that the child support payment record maintained by the state disbursement unit should be amended, to immediately make the required amendment to the record and notify the obligor or obligee who made the request under Subsection (b) of that amendment.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.