

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1695
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1695 amends current law relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by contempt.

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 157.162, Family Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Prohibits the court from finding a respondent in contempt of court for failure to pay child support if the respondent appears at the hearing with:

- (1) a copy of the payment record or other evidence satisfactory to the court showing that the respondent is current in the payment of child support as ordered by the court; and
- (2) evidence satisfactory to the court showing that the respondent's failure to make timely payments was due to an error made by a third party or other circumstances outside the respondent's control.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.